



2012 IOWA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS MEDIA GUIDE



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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT  
MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Department of Athletics is to provide the administrative and coaching support, facilities, resources, and equipment necessary for student athletes to graduate from The University of Iowa while participating in broad based championship caliber athletic competition. The overall well-being of the participant and integrity of the program will be paramount in all that we do.

**UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS**

Location:	Iowa City, Iowa
Founded:	1847
Enrollment:	33,561
School Colors:	Black and Gold
Nickname:	Hawkeyes
Home Facility:	Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Conference:	Big Ten
President:	Sally Mason
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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Black and Gold Intrasquad	Iowa City, Iowa	2:00 PM
Jan. 6	at Cancun Classic	Cancun, Mexico	7:00 PM
Jan. 13	Michigan State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Jan. 21	Illinois (Co-ed)	Iowa City, Iowa	5:00 PM
Jan. 27	at Iowa State	Ames, Iowa	6:30 PM
Feb. 3	Penn State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Feb. 10	at Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio	6:00 PM
Feb. 17	Iowa State	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
Feb. 24	Minnesota	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
March 3	at TWU (w/ WVU & SEMO)	Denton, Texas	7:00 PM
March 9	Louisiana State University	Iowa City, Iowa	7:00 PM
March 17	at Denver (w/ Minnesota & Arizona State)	Denver, Colo.	6:00 PM
March 24	Big Ten Championships	Iowa City, Iowa	2:00 PM
April 7	at NCAA Regionals	TBD	TBD
April 20	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD
April 21	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD
April 22	at NCAA Nationals	Duluth, Ga.	TBD

**BIG**   
**WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MARCH 24, 2012**  
**IOWA HOSTS THE**  
**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA**



## 2012 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
Emily Bigras	All-Around	Fr.		Samia, Ontario, Canada (St. Francois-Xavier)
Rachel Corcoran	Vault, Beam, Floor	Sr.		Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
Tesla Cox	All-Around	So.		Greenville, S.C. (Mauldin)
Jordan Eszlinger	Bars, Beam	Sr.		Sioux Falls, S.D. (Lincoln)
Jessa Hansen	All-Around	Sr.		Clive, Iowa (Waukee)
Sydney Hoerr	All-Around	Fr.		Bloomington, Ill. (Tri-Valley)
Miranda Meyer	Vault, Beam, Floor	Fr.		Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (Vimy Ridge)
Jessica Morreale	All-Around	Fr.		DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
Emma Stevenson	Vault, Bars, Floor	Jr.		Winfield, IL (Wheaton North)
Annie Szatkowski	All-Around	Sr.		Reno, NV (Galena)
Kaitlyn Urano	Bars, Beam, Floor	Jr.		British Columbia, Canada (Heritage Park Secondary)
Maya Wickus	Vault	Jr.		Port Washington, WI (Port Washington)
Emma Willis	All-Around	Fr.		Samia, Ontario, Canada (North Collegiate Institute)
Sarah Wolford	Bars, Beam	Fr.		Tampa, Fla. (Freedom)

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Head Coach: Larissa Libby

Assistant Coach: Caleb Phelps Assistant Coach: Linas Gaveika

Managers: Amy Garter, Miranda Drake, Heather Fomon, Nicole Pineau

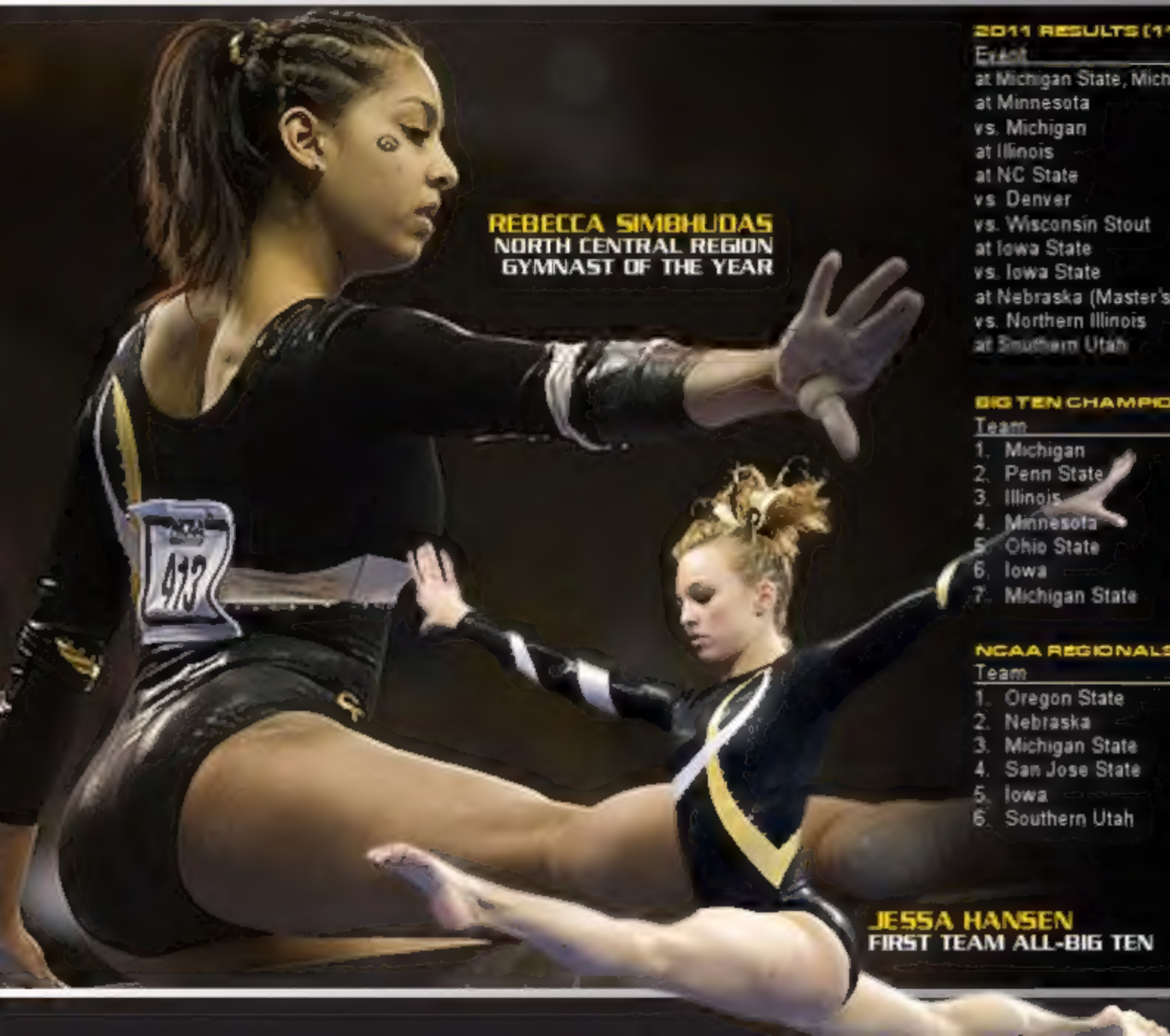
## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Annie Szatkowski	Za-to-wsk-ee
Kaitlyn Urano	Yur-an-oh

## BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

FRESHMAN (16)	SOPHOMORES (5)	JUNIORS (3)	SENIORS (4)
Emily Bigras	Tesla Cox	Emma Stevenson	Rachel Corcoran
Sydney Hoerr		Kaitlyn Urano	Jordan Eszlinger
Miranda Meyer		Maya Wickus	Jessa Hansen
Jessica Morreale			Annie Szatkowski
Emma Willis			
Sarah Wolford			





**REBECCA SIMBHUDAS**  
NORTH CENTRAL REGION  
GYMNAST OF THE YEAR

**2011 RESULTS (11-8 OVERALL, 2-3 BIG TEN)**

Event	Result
at Michigan State, Michigan, W. Michigan	2nd, 193.825
at Minnesota	L, 194.825
vs. Michigan	W, 195.375
at Illinois	L, 193.475
at NC State	L, 194.375
vs. Denver	W, 196.350
vs. Wisconsin Stout	W, 195.300
at Iowa State	L, 195.850
vs. Iowa State	W, 195.450
at Nebraska (Master's Classic)	2nd, 195.500
vs. Northern Illinois	W, 195.950
at Southern Utah	1st, 196.450

**BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (AT MINNESOTA)**

Team	Points
1. Michigan	196.600
2. Penn State	196.375
3. Illinois	196.075
4. Minnesota	195.325
5. Ohio State	194.900
6. Iowa	194.850
7. Michigan State	194.425

**NCAA REGIONALS (CORVALLIS, ORE.)**

Team	Points
1. Oregon State	197.025
2. Nebraska	196.550
3. Michigan State	194.525
4. San Jose State	194.425
5. Iowa	193.925
6. Southern Utah	193.775

**JESSA HANSEN**  
FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG TEN

**ALL-BIG TEN**

First Team: Rebecca Simbhudas  
First Team: Jessa Hansen  
Second Team: Houry Gebeshian

Big Ten Sportsmanship Award: Jessa Hansen

**ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN HONOREES**

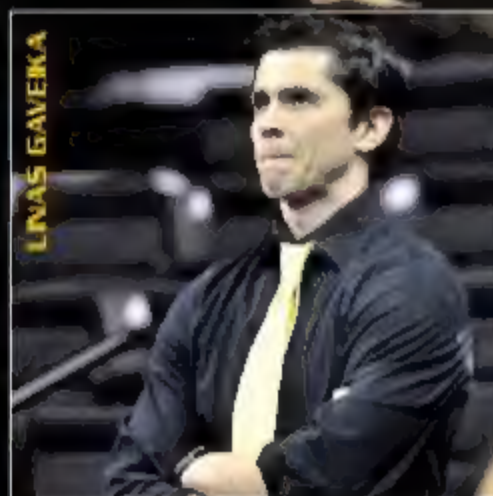
Rachel Corcoran  
Jordan Eszlinger  
Houry Gebeshian  
Jessa Hansen  
Andrea Hurlburt

Jennie Schurman  
Emma Stevenson  
Annie Szatkowski  
Kaitlynn Urano

**LETTERWINNERS**

Rachel Corcoran  
Tesla Cox  
Jordan Eszlinger  
Houry Gebeshian  
Jessa Hansen  
Andrea Hurlburt  
Nicole Pineau

Rebecca Simbhudas  
Emma Stevenson  
Arielle Sucich  
Annie Szatkowski  
Kaitlynn Urano  
Maya Wickus



**NORTH CENTRAL REGION ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR**



**INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS**

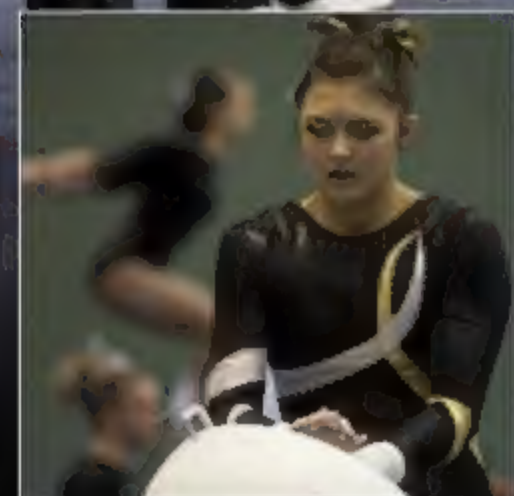
Name	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Rachel Corcoran	9.675	---	---	---	---
Tesla Cox	---	9.850	9.825	9.750	---
Jordan Eszlinger	---	---	---	---	---
Houry Gebeshian	9.925	9.875	9.875	9.875	39.300
Jessa Hansen	9.850	9.875	9.875	9.950	39.425
Andrea Hurlburt	---	---	9.750	9.750	---
Nicole Pineau	---	---	---	---	---
Jennie Schurman	---	---	---	---	---
Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	9.900	9.900	9.925	39.525
Emma Stevenson	9.825	9.850	---	9.800	---
Arielle Sucich	9.825	9.850	9.875	---	---
Annie Szatkowski	9.850	---	9.800	9.875	---
Kaitlynn Urano	---	9.775	---	9.800	---

**TEAM SEASON BESTS**

Event	Score	Date	Meet
Vault	49.325	March 12	at Southern Utah
Uneven Bars	49.275	March 5	vs. Northern Illinois
Balance Beam	49.075	February 18	at Iowa State
Floor	49.400	February 25	vs. Iowa State
Team Total	196.450	March 12	at Southern Utah

**INDIVIDUAL TEAM LEADERS**

Event	Athlete	Mark	Competition
Vault	Houry Gebeshian	9.925	vs. Denver (Feb. 11)
	Maya Wickus	9.925	at South. Utah (March 12)
Uneven Bars	Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	vs. Michigan (Jan. 22)
Balance Beam	Rebecca Simbhudas	9.900	4x, last vs. Iowa State (Feb. 25)
Floor Exercise	Jessa Hansen	9.950	vs. Iowa State (Feb. 25)
All-Around	Rebecca Simbhudas	39.525	vs. Denver (Feb. 11)





With sights set on a fifth-consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the GymHawks will call on a balance of ability and experience as they take on their 2012 schedule. Head Coach Larissa Libby and her GymHawks have a single goal in mind — to compete in the final session at the Big Ten championships.

With the loss of an extremely talented and experienced senior class, the GymHawks have a lot of work ahead of them to maintain the standards set by their predecessors. A large group of underclassmen who have been brought to campus to assist in keeping the team rising will be the focus for the GymHawks throughout the preseason. The team and staff are well aware of what they have lost but believe that what has been left behind is a solid foundation for this young group to continue their winning ways.

"Commit to the Moment" is the slogan you will hear around the GymHawks these days. When asked what this means and how it applies to the 2012 GymHawks Coach Libby commented by saying, "It means, that in order to be successful, not just at athletics but in anything in life, you have to be focused on that one task fully and whole heartedly. You can't let outside distraction stop you from achieving your goals and in order to do that, you have to dedicate yourself completely to the "moment" because at that point, nothing else matters."

With 7 returning letterwinners and 6 incoming freshmen, the Hawkeyes are looking forward to teaching their new class what Iowa Gymnastics represents inside the classroom, on the competition floor and within the community. "If you ask the team they can tell you that this is the fundamental philosophy of our program; the total person. Our program is all encompassing. Gymnastics will not last forever so we believe that we should help prepare our student athletes for life in the real world. Ultimately they are representatives of us not just as a gymnastics program but as people and we are hopeful that their time with us will teach them to function at the highest levels possible in everything they do."

Gymnastically, the GymHawks are eagerly waiting the competitive season as the Conference Championships will be hosted by Iowa on March 24th 2012. Libby says the team has worked extremely hard and knows what a privilege it is to host the Championships in your own backyard. They are aware that there will be some growing pains along the way as over 50% of the lineup contribution may be coming from freshmen, but they know they can rely on the stability and leadership from the upperclassmen.

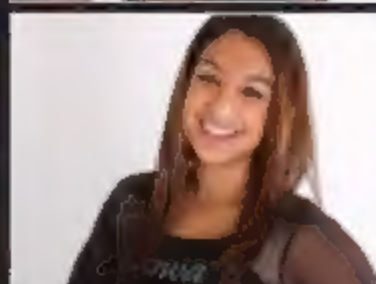
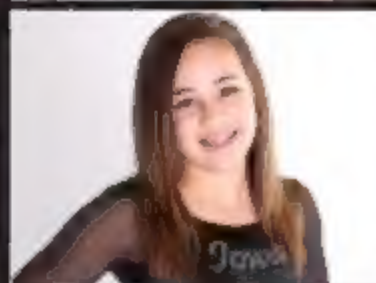
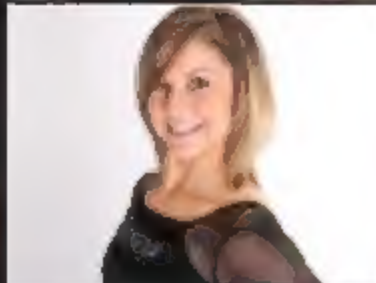
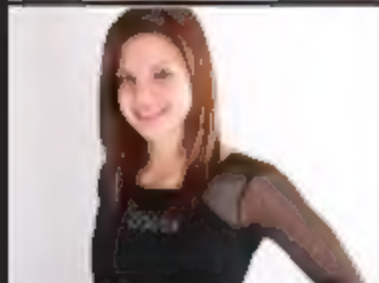
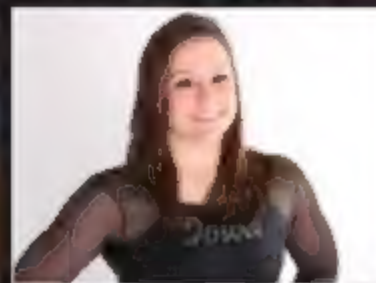
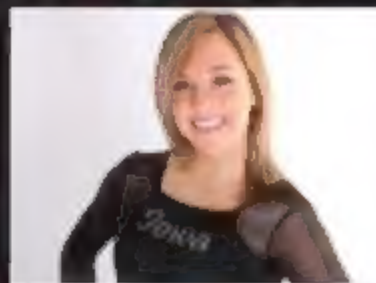
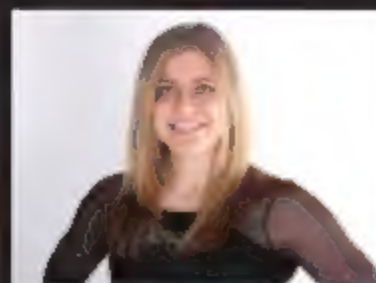
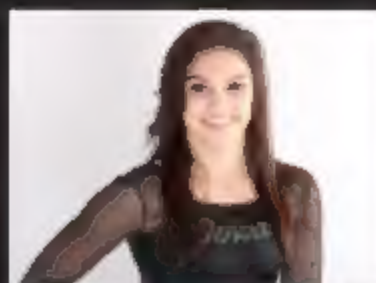
The GymHawks will rely on experienced leadership from seniors Rachel Corcoran, Jordan Eszlinger, and Annie Szatkowski and Jessa Hansen.

The foursome will combine to provide Iowa with the stability and skill that every team needs from their senior group. The senior class has a wealth of experience at the Conference and NCAA Regional level and has been instrumental in setting the precedent for what we now come to expect from each of our incoming student-athletes.

Hansen, a native of Olive, Iowa, is a two-time All-Big Ten selection and the GymHawks' lone returning all-around competitor from 2011. Libby spoke of her value to the Hawkeyes and her ability to lead the program.






**IOWA GYMNASTICS**

"For Jessa, there is never a need to set an expectation. She has always placed a high expectation on herself to fill any void for the team no matter where that may be. She is a fierce competitor with a gentle heart and this team means everything to her. She is our lone lowan and she competes with the pride of Iowa resting on her shoulders. Mentally, she's stronger than she's ever been and she needs to be in order to show the younger ones how it's done when she's out there competing. There is no better example of what we look for in our student-athletes."

The importance of leadership by example within Libby's program can't be overstated. "The job of a leader is endless and thankless and no one fulfills that role better or takes it more seriously than Jordan."

"Jordan has really come into her own this season. There is nothing she takes for granted. She pushes the team to meet their potential on all levels at everything. She has always set the standard as far as academics are concerned but this year she has really become the heart of our team. Her gymnastics has increased tremendously but what she brings to our team outside of gymnastics has made a major difference in getting over the hump with the new girls. She is 'fall-gal' all the time."

In addition to both Jessa and Jordan, Rachel and Annie have made up solid contributions to the team as well. "All of our seniors are extremely different but it is their differences and how they combine together that makes their leadership so strong. Rachel is at her strongest competitive point since her freshman year. She is solid in everything she does and provides that sense of comfort when she competes. Annie is our 'go-to' girl. She is so versatile and has competed in every event for us at some point in her career. She knows what is needed of her and is ready to fill that spot at all times."

Iowa's junior class consists of Emma Stevenson, Kaitlyn Urano and Maya Wickas. Libby smiled as she spoke of this class and the contributions they bring to the program. "This is the group that meshes us all together. They are the connection between upper and underclassmen. They are not so far removed from understanding the difficulties of being a freshman but also have a deep appreciation for the leadership that is required as an upperclassman to keep the 'ship running smoothly." Libby sites how well the Junior class has come together both academically and athletically to exemplify the standards the GymHawks embody. All three young ladies will be pushing to compete on three events and Libby believes their contributions both on and off the competition floor will be pivotal in the team's success.

Tesla Cox is the sole representative of the GymHawks' sophomore class this season. Cox demonstrated her ability as a fierce competitor when an injury to Kaitlyn Urano during warm-up forced her into the line-up against Big ten rival

Michigan. With a solid performance from Tesla on three events, Iowa walked away with a win over the Wolverines for the first time since 2004. "Tesla is a natural competitor and thrives on a challenge. The tougher the competition the more intense she becomes. Competition is instinctive to her and it shows every time she has the opportunity to compete. Every team has one; a stabilizer, and Tesla is ours."

Libby's 2012 recruiting class is represented by freshmen Emily Bigas, Sydney Heer, Miranda Meyer, Jessica Mormale, Emma Willis and Sarah Wolford. One of the largest freshmen classes Libby has had in recent years.

"This is a great class of freshmen. They bring a wealth of experience from all different sides of the spectrum. They are made up Junior Olympic team members, National and World team members and come from as far as Canada and as close as Illinois." Libby notes that her freshmen class, while talented, all represent different strengths and feels she will need to quickly identify where these strengths will best impact the line-ups in terms of what was lost from the senior class. "Our freshmen have large shoes to fill. We lost a Big Ten Champion, an All American and 12 counting routines from our senior class so it will not be an easy task. That being said, these ladies are more than capable and we are excited to see the level of their contributions to the team."

With such a balanced squad and a strong pre-season lead up, Libby and the GymHawks won't be limited in depth during a grueling schedule. "We have a great deal of talent represented in each of our classes and for the first time in a long time, depth will not likely be our challenge." Libby admits that while so much fresh talent brings a great deal of potential, the challenge will be consistency. "With the majority of our team being freshmen many of our line-ups will be 50% freshmen and with lack of experience competing in the collegiate realm, you never know what that will bring in terms of reliability." Still Libby believes that even with her young team, a driven group of upperclassmen coupled with an experienced staff and the internal drive to prove Iowa's worth, will be enough maybe not to win every meet but certainly to leave a large impression of what this group will be capable of in the very near future.

"The goal is always to win a Big Ten Championship and with Iowa being the host this year, it would be even more special. But I know this team will be successful whether they win that championship or not because they are focused on the right things; each other and the process. They are willing to do the work and go the distance and that's what champions are made of."





### THE BASICS

Six gymnasts perform on each of the four events (vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise). The five highest scores per event comprise the cumulative team total. Although a perfect score is 200, top teams score above 190.

Individual optional routines, put together by the gymnast to express herself through the skills she performs the best, have a starting value of only 9.5. An additional five-tenths of bonus can be earned, one-tenth by performing a "D" element or two-tenths by performing an "E" element. Also the gymnast can get one-tenth by performing a special connection of skills. The remaining points can be earned by additional D/E elements or special connections. The maximum start value is 10.0.

### JUDGING

Uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise are judged using a rating system that evaluates each element on the following scale:

- A - easy part
- B - part with partial difficulty
- C - part with higher difficulty
- D - part with very high difficulty
- E - part with highest difficulty

Routines require the following to start from a 9.5 value:  
3 "A" elements, 3 "B" elements and two "C" elements.

### SPECIAL DEDUCTIONS:

- \*Out of bounds (floor exercise), -0.1 each time
- \*Overtime in balance beam routine (over 1:30), -0.2
- \*Fall off apparatus, -0.5 each time
- \*Wiggles or wobbles on beam, -0.3
- \*Two steps on landing, -0.2
- \*Insufficient artistry of presentation, up to -0.3
- \*Relaxed posture throughout the exercise, up to -0.2







### • VAULT

Vaulting requires speed, quickness and explosive power. The gymnast is allowed to perform only one vault. Vaults have assigned maximum difficulty ranging from 8.6 to 10.0. Deductions are taken for technical errors in four phases: first flight phase (the approach), repulsion phase (contact with the vaulting table), second flight phase (height and distance from the table), and landing. Specific deductions include up to 0.5 for body position faults, 0.1-0.4 for steps off landing, up to 0.3 for an off-center landing, and not receiving a score if the coach assists the athlete at any time during the vault. Some common vaults in collegiate competition include:

1/2 on, 1/2 off front layout	10.0
Roundoff back handspring, 1/2 turn front layout	10.0
Handspring front pike, 1/2 turn	10.0
Handspring front tuck, full turn	10.0
Tsukahara layout, full twist	10.0
1/2 on, 1/2 off front tuck	9.8
Handspring front pike	9.8
Handspring front tuck, 1/2 turn	9.8
Roundoff back handspring layout	9.8
Tsukahara layout	9.8

### • UNEVEN BARS

This event combines the gymnast's strength and agility as the gymnast must maintain a flowing and consistent rhythm. A bar routine must include a mount, two release moves, a directional change and a dismount. Bonus points are awarded through spectacular release moves and dismounts, along with performing difficult elements in a series.

### • BALANCE BEAM

The balance beam is 16 feet long, four feet high and only four inches wide. Performing on the beam requires precise movement and intense concentration. A beam routine should be between 70 and 90 seconds long and include a tumbling series, a leap series, a mount and a dismount.

Composition Requirements:

- \* Full turn
- \* Large leap or jump (180 degree split)
- \* Acrobatic series with two or more flight skills
- \* Dance series
- \* Minimum of a "C" level dismount



### • FLOOR EXERCISE

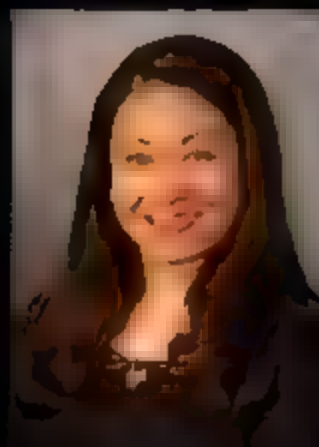
This is the "glamour" event in women's gymnastics that combines tumbling, dance and interpretation of music. Floor routines must contain two tumbling passes (one with two flips), a series of three leaps and a series with tumbling and leaps all choreographed to music. Floor exercise has become not only one of the most beautiful of athletic events, but one of the most daring and exciting as well.

Composition Requirements:

- \* Dance series with two elements
- \* Two tumbling series with one having at least two saltos
- \* Three different saltos within two tumbling series
- \* Minimum of "C" level dismount in combination or "D" level skill







**LARISSA LIBBY**  
HEAD COACH  
EIGHT SEASON

Entering her eighth year as head coach for the Hawkeyes, Larissa Libby will have her eyes set on a fifth consecutive NCAA postseason appearance, the sixth in her tenure.

The Hawkeyes raised the streak to four in 2011 with a fifth place finish at the NCAA Corvallis Regional. This coming after a sixth place finish at the Big Ten Championships and overall season record of 11-6. Libby coached three all-Big Ten selections in Rebecca Simbhudas, Hany Gabeshian and Jessica Hansen. Simbhudas and Gabeshian also made individual appearances at the NCAA Championships as Simbhudas was named North Central Region Gymnast of the Year.

Libby led Iowa to a third place finish at the 2010 Big Ten Championships, its best finish in six years. On top of another NCAA Regional berth, Libby also coached Hany Gabeshian to a Big Ten title on beam, just the second in program history. Additionally, Rebecca Simbhudas qualified as an individual for the NCAA Championships and earned all-American honors on beam.

In 2009, Libby led her squad to a 10-5 record and was named North Central Region Coach of the Year. Under her guidance, the GymHawks returned to their second consecutive NCAA Regional appearance and produced two first team All-Big Ten gymnasts in Jennifer Simbhudas and Hany Gabeshian. Additionally, Simbhudas was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week twice in 2009.

In 2008, Libby Coached the Hawkeyes to their first NCAA appearance since 2005 and a fifth place finish in the Big Ten Conference. In addition to the multiple team and staff honors, Libby also saw several GymHawks achieve standout seasons during the 2008 season. Jennifer Simbhudas was named first team All-Big-Ten and Big Ten Gymnast of the Week twice. The accomplishments came off of the competitive floor as well with five GymHawks receiving academic all-Big Ten selections and seven being named academic all-Americans.

In 2007, Libby led the Hawkeyes to many individual records. Katie Burke earned career-highs on vault, bars, floor, and in the all-around, ending a highly successful season with an NCAA Championship appearance. Kara Pirjan, Jennifer Simbhudas, and Katie Tommie all qualified to NCAA Regional competition.





In addition to their NCAA success, the Hawkeyes earned first team all-Big-Ten honors while Pajewski, Turcott, and Simbhadra all earned second team honors in 2007 under Libby. Prior to the 2007 season, Libby played a role in the Hawkeyes' five consecutive seasons of Regional competition (2000-2005) and coached seniors Liz Grjencich and Kertzy Williamson, as well as junior Danielle Logan to individual regional competition in 2006.

As the Hawkeyes' choreographer and beam coach, Libby has made a lasting impact. The top 10 school records on beam have all been under her guidance, including the school record, 49.425, accomplished in 2004 at Illinois State. In 2004, the Gymkats recorded a 49.0 or higher seven times on beam.

Before becoming head coach, Libby served as a associate head coach for one season and a assistant coach for the previous three seasons.

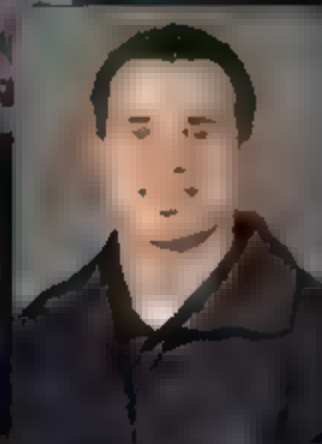
Before joining the Hawkeyes, Libby served four years as the assistant women's coach at Louisiana State University. While at LSU, she produced nine beam all-Americans, the top-ranked beam team in 1999 and helped coach LSU to four consecutive NCAA championship team appearances.

As a competitive gymnast in her home country of Canada, Libby burst onto the scene at age 11 quickly becoming a junior national champion and a senior national champion shortly after. A member of the 1987 and 1988 Canadian world championship teams, Libby led the Canadian team to its best-ever sixth-place finish, placing 10th in the world in the all-around and becoming Canada's first ever world vault finalist. Along with world recognition, Libby was also a member of the Canadian Olympic team in 1988. She has earned over 30 international individual and event medals and was honored as the Canadian Gymnast of the Year in 1988 and 1990. In 2006, Libby was honored for her many national and international accomplishments. The Whitley Sports Council, the hometown where Libby began her outstanding career, selected Libby to be inducted into the Whitley Sports Hall of Fame, an honor bestowed on some of Canada's greatest athletes.

Originally from Pickering, Canada, Libby was a collegiate gymnast at Louisiana State University. She was a four-year team captain and the Central Region bar champion in 1995. Libby graduated from LSU in 1996, with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and a minor in French. Her husband, Chad, is the program director of athletic training at Coe College. The couple has two daughters, Taylor 14, and Bailey 7.







# CALEB PHILLIPS ASSISTANT COACH FOURTH SEASON

Caleb Phillips is in his fourth season as a Hawkeye assistant coach after spending four years as an assistant at Southern Utah.

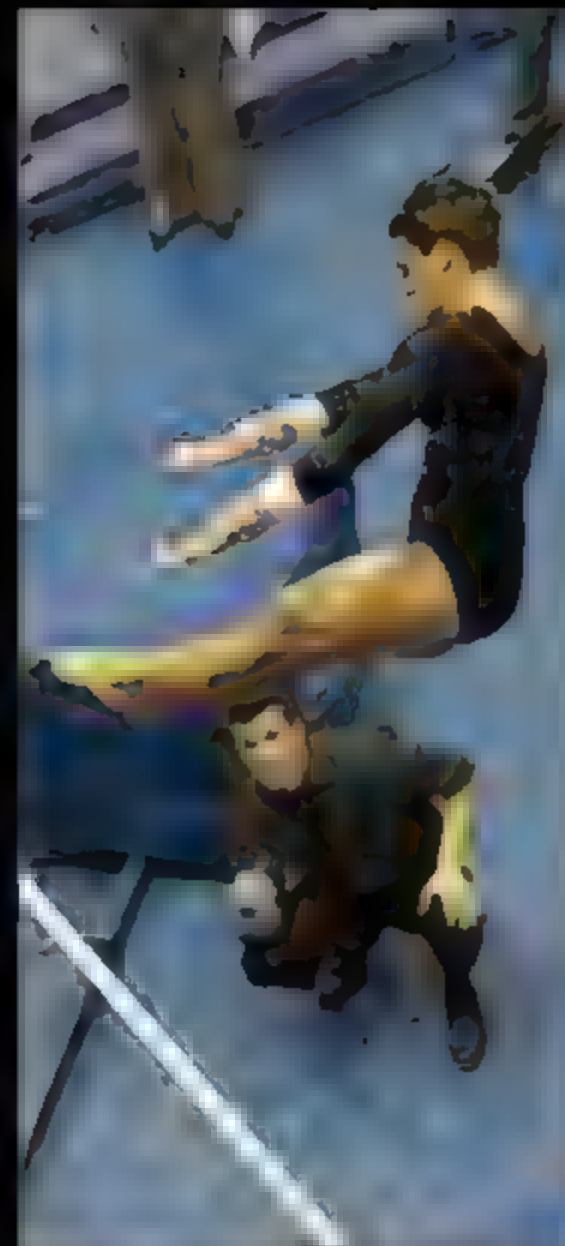
After helping coach Iowa to another NCAA postseason appearance in 2011, Phillips and fellow assistant Linas Gavrilas were named North Central Region Assistant Coaches of the Year.

The Hawkeyes have retained postseason berths every year he has been on staff. Additionally, Phillips has helped coach at least one gymnast to a NCAA Championship appearance in each of the last two seasons.

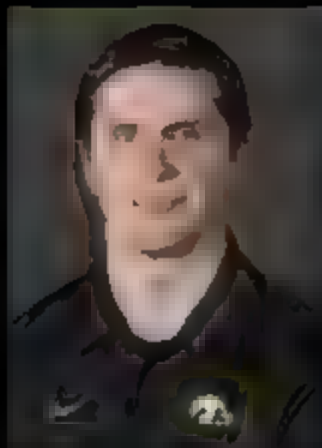
With the help of Phillips, the Hawkeyes took home third place at the Big Ten Championships in 2010 and crowned a Big Ten Champion on beam in Houry Gehebian.

Phillips helped lead Southern Utah to two NCAA Regional appearances. He helped send two competitors to NCAA Championships -- Leah Saldutsk in 2005 and Tina Whelan in 2006. He helped three athletes reach NCAA Regionals in 2006 and four in 2007.

Phillips earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Southern Utah. He and his wife, Bailey, have two children -- Cable (6) and Beck (4).







# **LINAS GAVEIKA** ASSISTANT COACH THIRD SEASON

Linas Gaveika is in his third season as a Hawkeye assistant coach after volunteering as an assistant for one season.

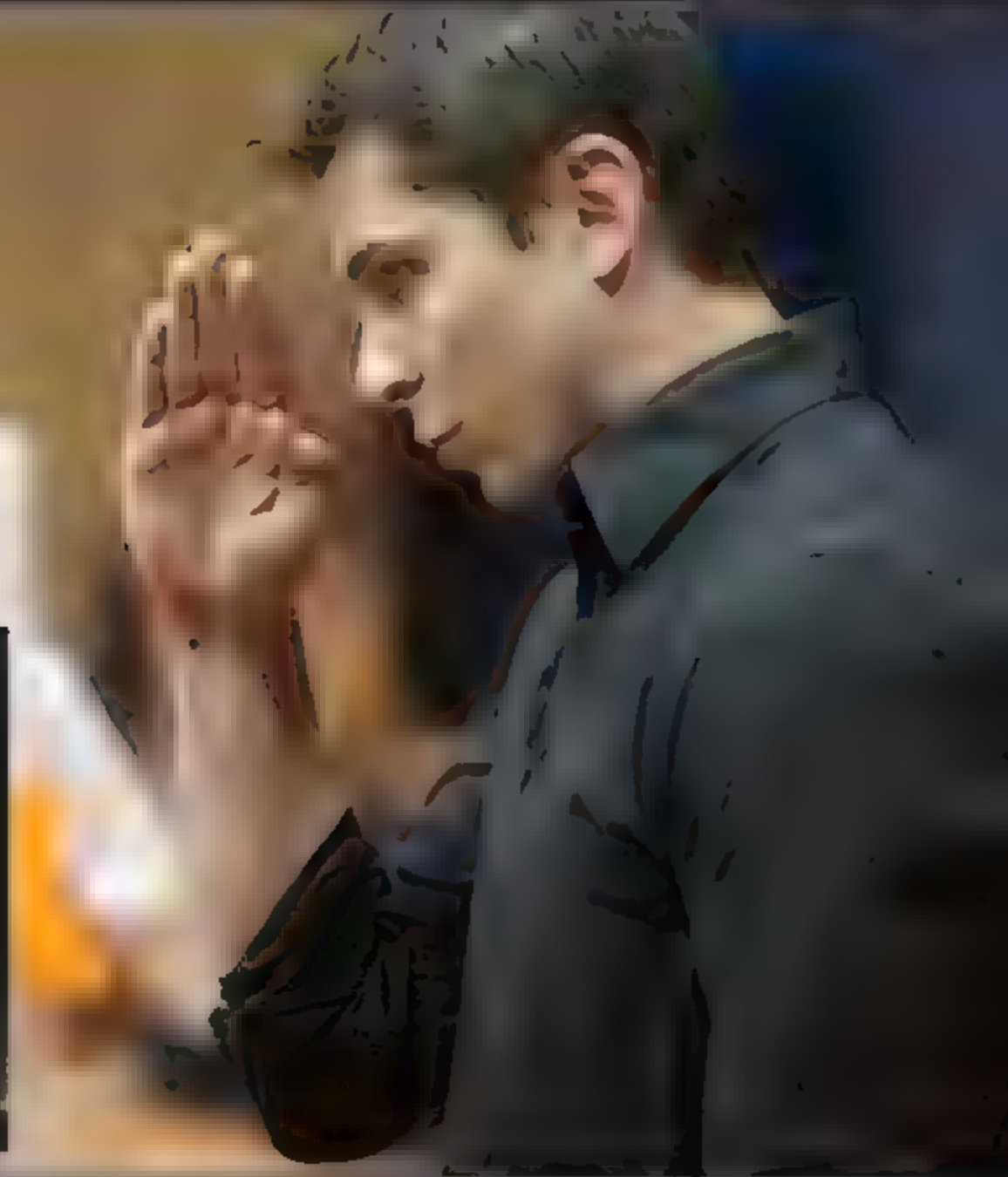
He helped coach the 2011 GymHawks to their fourth consecutive NCAA Regional appearance and fifth in seven years. Additionally, Gaveika helped coach Houry Ghebeshian in her first trip to the NCAA Championships and Rebecca Simbhadra in her second appearance.

After a fifth place finish at the 2011 NCAA Corvallis Regional, Gaveika and fellow assistant Caleb Phillips were named North Central Region Assistant Coaches of the Year.

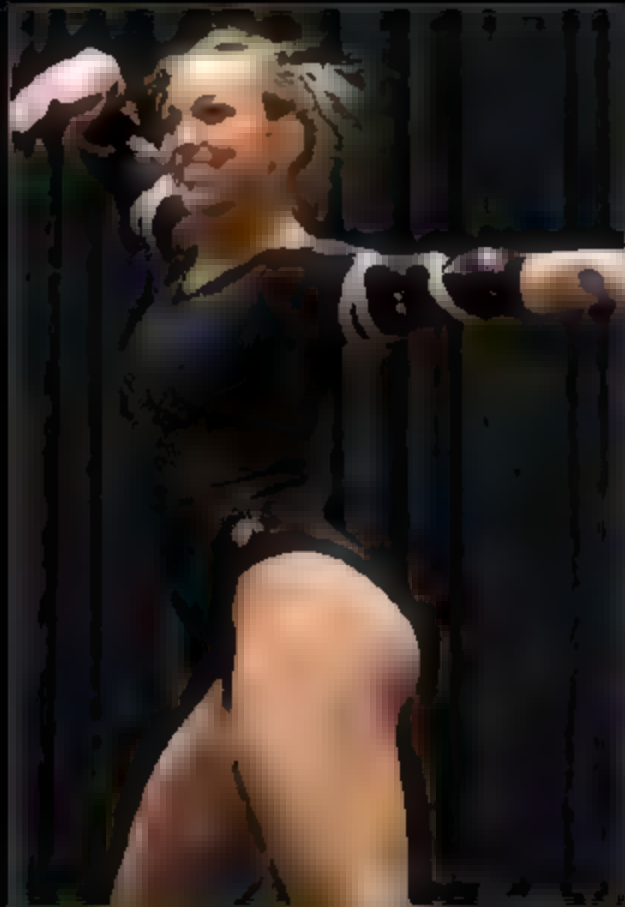
The 2010 GymHawks placed third at the Big Ten Championships, their best finish in six years, as Gaveika helped coached Houry Ghebeshian to a Big Ten title on beam. He also helped coach All-American Rebecca Simbhadra to her first of two NCAA Championship appearances as an individual.

Competing for Iowa's men's gymnastics from 2003-05, Gaveika is a three-year letterwinner. He was the 2003 NCAA Champion on horizontal bar, three-time All-American on horizontal bar, All-American on parallel bars and Academic All-Big Ten in 2004.

Gaveika, a native of Vilnius, Lithuania, graduated from the University of Iowa in 2005 with a Russian/International business major.







**HANSEN'S BEST**

Vault.....	9.850	vs. Denver (2/11/11)
Bars.....	9.875	at NC State (2/6/11)
Beam.....	9.875	vs. Denver (2/11/11)
Floor.....	9.950	vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)
AA.....	39.425	vs. Denver (2/11/11)

**JESSA HANSEN**  
ALL-AROUND  
SENIOR  
CLIVE, IA

**2011...** One of six Gymnasts to compete in all 14 meets... first time All-Big Ten selection... won six event titles, including four on floor... set career bests on all four events, plus the all-around... led the team on floor with career mark of 9.950, winning the event title against Iowa State... posted a personal best of 9.875 on bars at NC State, winning the event title... placed second on beam against Denver with a career high of 9.875... recorded a career mark of 9.850 on vault to tie for fourth versus Denver... set third career mark against Denver with a second place finish in the all-around (39.425)... Academic All-Big Ten selection... Big Ten Sportsmanship Award nominee.

**2010...** Second team All-Big Ten... Academic All-Big Ten... Big Ten Sportsmanship Award nominee... one of two Hawkeyes to compete in the all-around in every meet... set career marks on vault (9.775 vs. Michigan St.), bars (9.800, four times), beam (9.850, twice) and all-around (39.100, at Iowa State).

**2009...** competed on bars, beam and floor in every meet... scored a 9.9 on floor (vs. Iowa State) and a 9.875 (vs. Maryland), taking first place both times... posted a 9.825 on balance beam against Ohio State... scored a 9.775 on uneven bars (T-21st) at the Big Ten Championships, a career-high... also scored a 9.775 (17th) on balance beam and a 9.850 on floor (T-17th) at Big Tens.

**High School...** Three-time J.O. Qualifier... took first on floor and second in all-around at 2008 Regenera Championships... took second on beam at 2007 Western Nationals... won all-around at Iowa State Meet in 2006 (37.925) and 2006 (36.250)... trained at Chou's Gym in Des Moines and club-mom was Mary Chou.

**Personal...** Born 8/11/90... parents are Marc and Jody Hansen... journalism and communications major... trained at the same gym as U.S. Olympian Sharm Johnson.

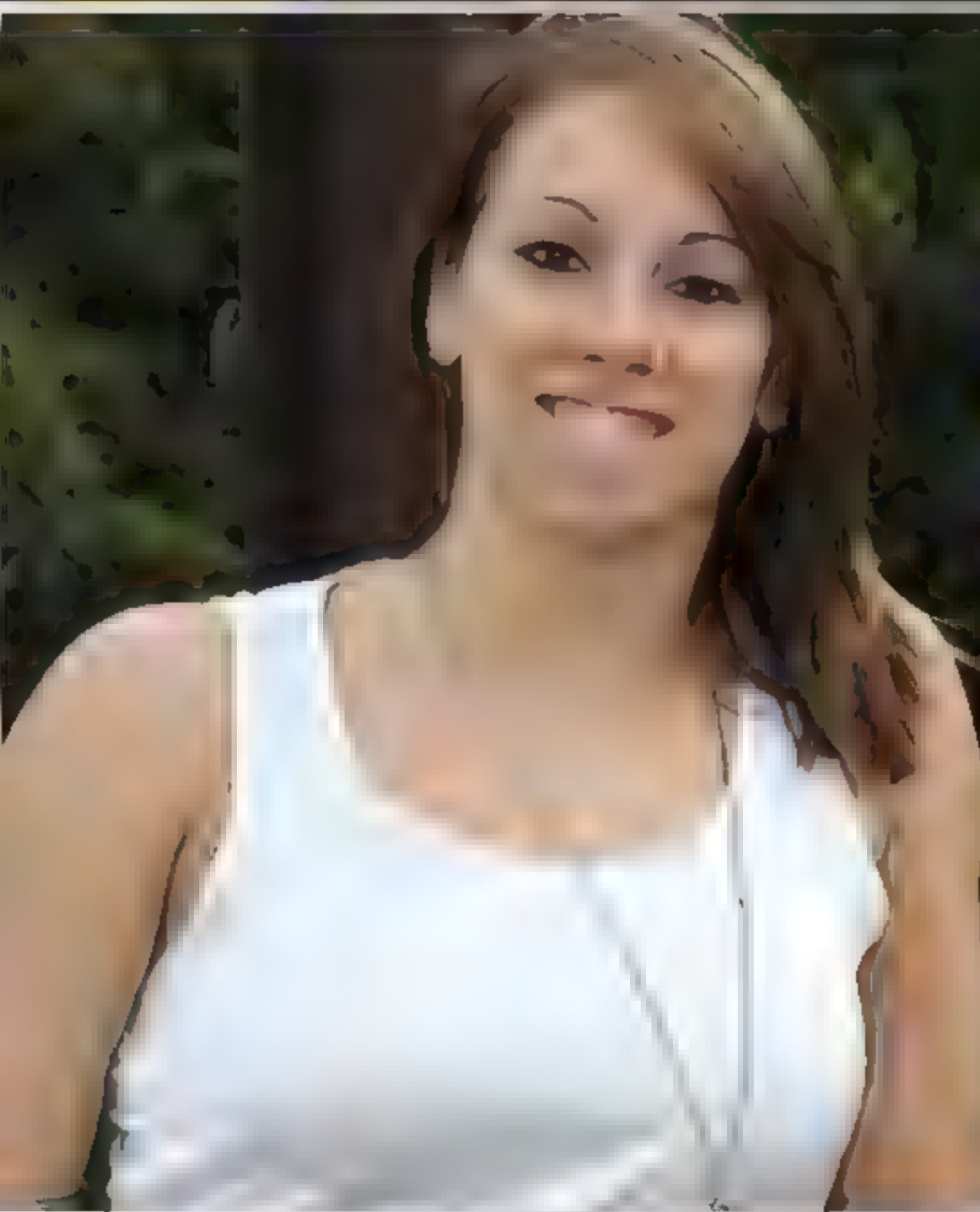
**GETTING TO KNOW JESSA**

**Nicknames:** Jess, Junior Girl, Jess Not Mean, Bean  
**My First Gymnastics Memory:** Exhibiting and doing cartwheels in the mall to promote the grand opening of Chou's Gymnastics.  
**My Most Proud Possession:** All of my photos.  
**Favorite Restaurant:** Three Squirrels.  
**Favorite Movie:** Mean Girls.  
**Favorite TV Show:** The Office.  
**Favorite Musical Artists:** The Script, OneRepublic.

**I Want To Wait:** None.  
**When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be:** A gymnast.  
**Before Every Meet I Listen To:** music out of my car... I listen to it and go through my routines.  
**My Goals For The Season:** To be a consistent performer and to be a reliable competitor in all the events.  
**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me To:** be a team player and to be a leader.  
**My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment:** Winning the 2010 Big Ten Championships.







**RACHEL GORDORAN**  
VAULT, BEAM AND FLOOR  
SENIOR  
PALATINE, IL

**2011...** Posted a mark of 9.675 on vault at Michigan State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

**2010...** Competed on vault and floor through injury last four weeks... Scored a career best of 9.650 on floor at Penn State meet Jan. 23.

**2009...** Saw first collegiate action against on vault against LSU and Southeast Missouri State (1/9), posting a 9.250... competed on vault for Iowa in last six dual meets... scored a season-high 9.825 at the Big Ten Championships, finishing in 17th place.

**High School...** Finished second at Illinois State Meet on beam (9.6) and third in all-around (38.125) as a senior... holds personal bests of 9.90 on floor and 38.625 in all-around... holds school records for highest floor score (9.70) and highest all-around (38.325)... co-captain during senior season... Academic Achievement Award recipient as a senior... high school coaches were Terry Theobald, Scott Nagel and Jodi Wadlington... competed in club at Crystal Lake Gymnastics Training Center and was coached by Lada Gogoladze and Lee Bataglia.

**Personal...** Born 11/29/88... parents are Phyllis and Stephen Corcoran... health promotions major.

**GETTING TO KNOW RACHEL**

**My First Gymnastics Memory:**

Twice a week in preschool, we had a "gymbus" come to my school as our physical education type of class. They had taken out the seats on the bus and put in preschool gymnastics equipment. The "gymbus" is what I have to thank for my love for the sport of gymnastics.

**My Most Prized Possession:** The scrapbook that my friends and family put together with pictures and notes about me for my graduation party right before I went off to college.

**Favorite Restaurant:** Mio Z's

**Favorite Movie/Director:**

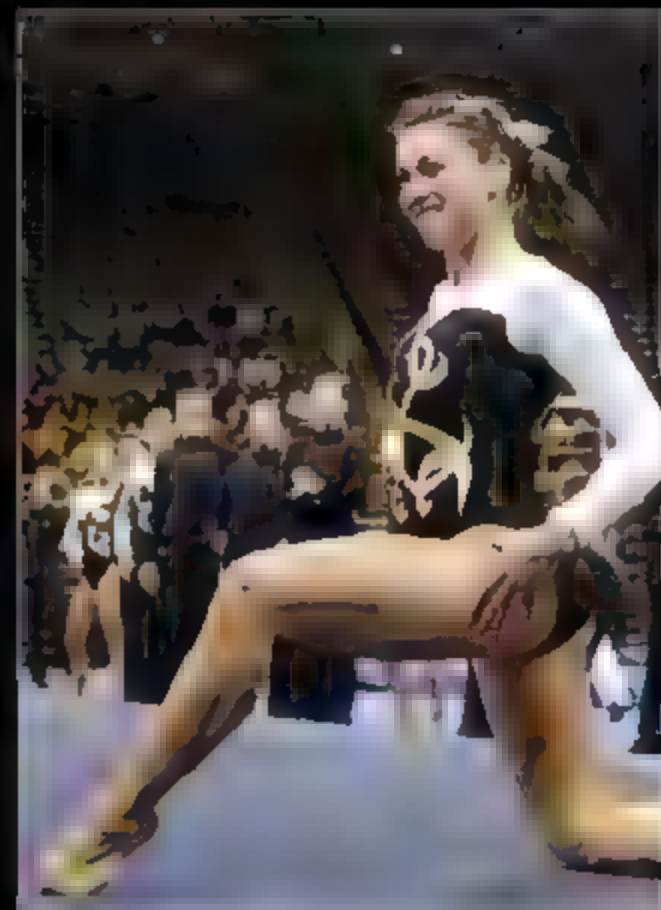
When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be: A Lawyer

Favorite TV Show: *The Mentalist*

I Want To Visit: Europe

**My Goals For The Season Ahead:** To stay positive, always give my best effort and fight for every tenth.

**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:** Hard work will always be rewarded. I have also learned that if you can push through the bad days, you will be even stronger for having pushed through it.



**GORDORAN'S BEST**

Vault.....9.825 at Big Ten Championships (3/21/09)  
Floor.....9.650 at Penn State (1/23/10)

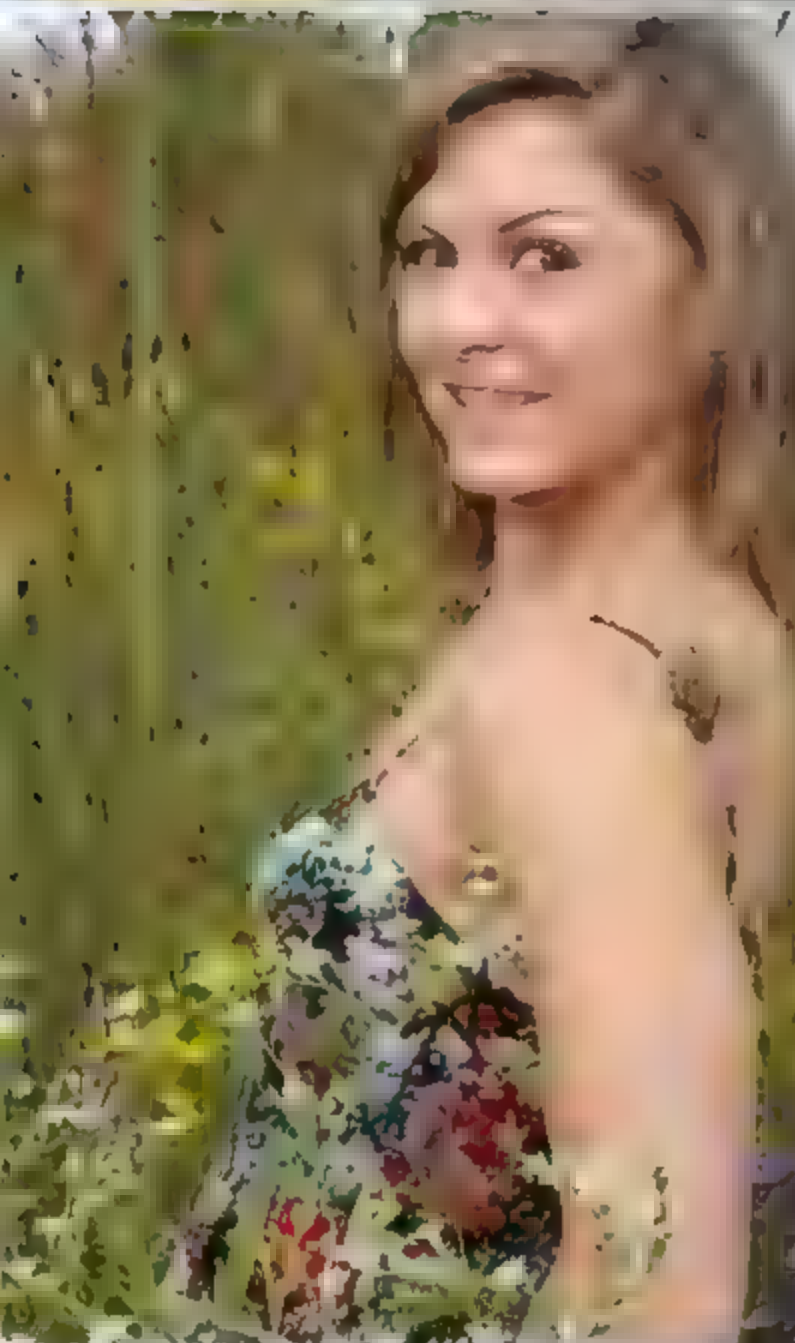




**Being At Love Has Taught Me: That I can do anything as long as I have faith and love.**







## ANIE SZATKOWSKI JUNIOR

**2011...** One of six student-athletes to compete in all 14 meets for the Hawkeyes... tied for first place on vault with a mark of 9.800 against Northern Illinois... tied for third place on floor versus Iowa State with a career mark of 9.875... tied a career mark of 9.850 at Southern Utah, tying for fifth place... set a career best of 9.800 on beam with a sixth place finish at Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

**2010...** Senior season in 13 meets for the Hawkeyes... began season by scoring a career high of 9.800 on bars (at Michigan)... finished career high of 9.725 on beam against Southern Utah... academic all-Big Ten.

**2009...** Competed on vault in every meet... tied for first at Iowa State on vault (9.825)... scored a career-high 9.850 on vault twice in 2009, last vs. Kentucky (3/4)... moved above a 9.8 on vault five times.

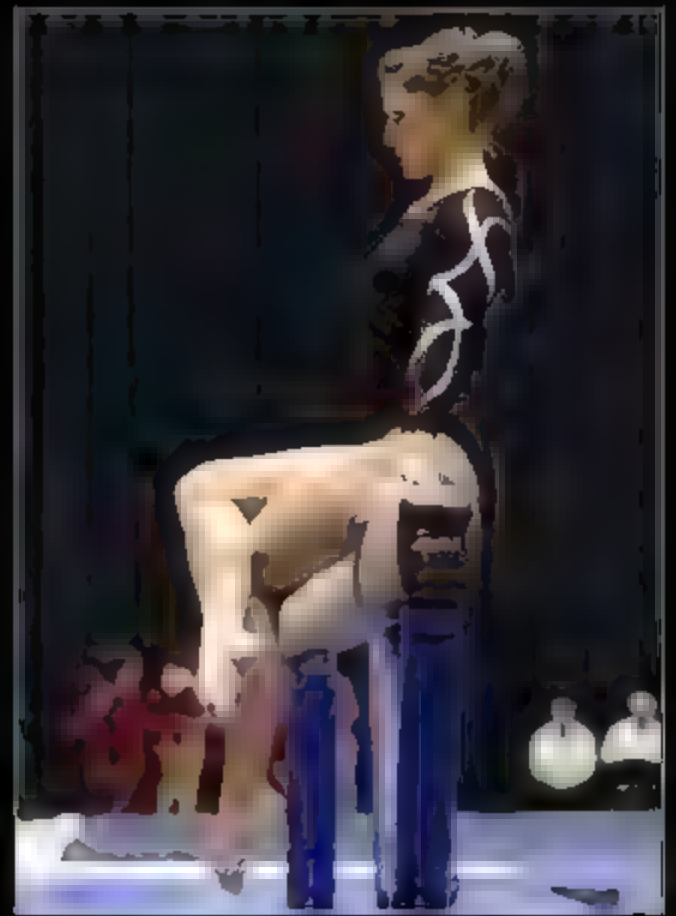
**High School...** Several seasons... best 9.60 on floor, 9.80 on vault and 36.975 in all-around... first place finish on floor at 2004 Regionals (9.40)... back-to-back first place finishes at Nevada State Championships on vault in 2007 and 2008... took first place on floor (9.55) and vault (9.80) at 2008 MAC Open... competed for Dutchess Gymnastics Academy... coaches were Sherry Dutchess and Ann Bandman... three-time Academic Letter Award recipient and National Honor Society member.

**Personal...** Born 6/26/90... parents are John and Barbara Szatkowski... sports studies and journalism/women communication major, entrepreneurship certificate.

### GETTING TO KNOW ANNIE

- Favorite TV Shows:** *Grey's Anatomy*, *Top Chef* and *Project Runway*
- Favorite Gymnastics Memory:** Flaying in the amateur competitive world at my first gymnasium with dad coaching me to get all out.
- My Most Priced Possession:** All my pictures and photo albums.
- Favorite Restaurant:** Thai Flavors.
- When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be:** An astronaut doctor.
- If I Could Guest Star On Any TV Show It Would Be:** *The Today Show*.
- Favorite Movie:** *Billy Madison*.

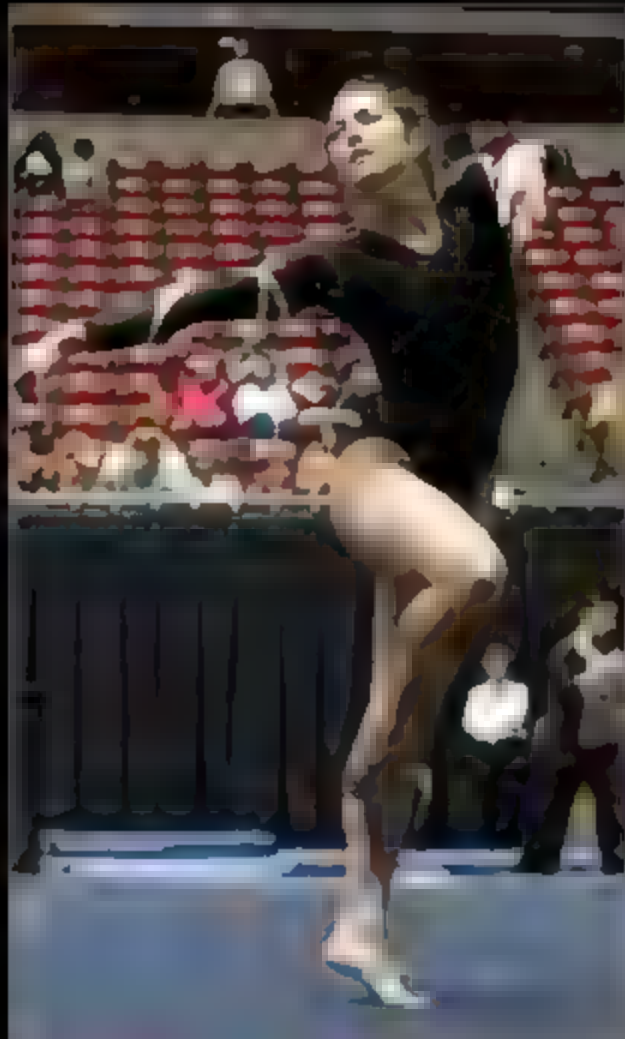
**Favorite TV Shows:** *Grey's Anatomy*, *Top Chef* and *Project Runway*  
**Favorite Musical Artists:** Kanye West, John Mayer, Jason Mraz  
**I Want To Visit...** Italy  
**My Goals For The Season Are:** To be a positive contributor in every event I compete, to do all-around and 9.9 on vault, Big Ten Champs and go to nationals.  
**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:** To appreciate everything, every person and every opportunity in life.



### SZATKOWSKI'S BEST

Vault.....9.85	3x, last at Southern Utah (3/12/11)
Bars.....9.8	at Michigan (1/9/10)
Beam.....9.8	at Iowa State (2/18/11)
Floor.....9.875	at Iowa State (2/25/11)





## URANO'S BEST

Bars ..... 9.775 vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)  
 Beam ..... 9.525 at Michigan (1/9/10)  
 Floor ..... 9.800 vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)

**KAITLYNN URANO**  
 BARS, BEAM, FLOOR  
 JUNIOR  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

**2011...** Competed in 12 events for the GynHawks... made collegiate debut on floor with a mark of 9.675 at Michigan State... set season and career mark of 9.800 on floor against Northern Illinois, winning the event title... posted a personal best of 9.775 on bars, tying for seventh individually against Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

**2010...** Competed in 10 meets for Iowa... made collegiate debut at Michigan, scoring career high 9.750 on beam... recorded career high on bars (9.750) against Minnesota.

**High School...** Qualified for Women's Provincial National Open Team... member of Team Alberta 2006... attended Canada Winter Games in 2007 for Team Alberta... member of Team British Columbia 2008 and 2009... Honor Roll Grades 8-12, Principal's List Grade 11 and 12.

**Personal...** Born 4/27/91... parents are Chuck and Deborah Urano... [www.kaitlynnurano.com](http://www.kaitlynnurano.com)... disorders major.

## GETTING TO KNOW KAITLYNN

**My First Gymnastics Memory:** Being the first in my group to get their kip on bars.

**My Most prized Possession:** My phone.

**Favorite Restaurant:** Shake.

**Favorite Movie:** How To Lose A Guy In Ten Days.

**Favorite TV Shows:** Friends.

**I Want To Visit:** Europe.

**My Goals For The Season:** To win more meets and to be a team captain.

**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:** To be more comfortable with my own abilities and to be more confident in my own abilities.

**Before Every Meet I:** Listen to my music and do my hair.







**EMMA STEVENSON**  
**VAULT, BARS, FLOOR**  
 JUNIOR @  
 WINFIELD, IL

**2011...** one of six Hawkeyes to compete in all 14 meets... scored career best of 9.850 in three different meets – tying for second against Iowa State, Northern Illinois and at Southern Utah... posted career mark of 9.825 on vault, earning a share of second place against Wisconsin-Stout... posted career mark of 9.800 on floor twice – tying for fifth against Denver and sixth versus Iowa State... Academic All-Big Ten selection.

**2010...** Competed in 30 meets for Iowa, the most of any freshman... saw first collegiate action at Michigan meet, scoring 9.725 bars... Scored a career high of 9.825 on bars against Minnesota... Competed on floor in nine events for Iowa... Scored a career high of 9.750 on floor in final two meets (Big Ten Championships, NCAA Regionals)... Set career mark of 9.525 twice on vault (vs. Southern Utah, at NCAA Regionals).

**High School...** three-time national qualifier... 2005 Regional bar champion... Sixth place in bars at 2008 Nationals... 2008 All-Star Team member... Four-year High Honor Roll... Spanish Honor Society.

**Personal...** born 10/11/90... parents are Paul and Barbara Stevenson... integrative physiology major.

**GETTING TO KNOW EMMA**

**My First Gymnastics Memory:** When my uncle told me to do a front on vault just because he knew I would try anything... was a five-year-old kid and I could barely do a regular front... I was afraid but I didn't let my fear win.

**My Most Proud Possession:** My phone.

**Favorite Restaurant:** Inland.

**Favorite Movie:** The Hunger.

**Favorite TV Show:** Friends.

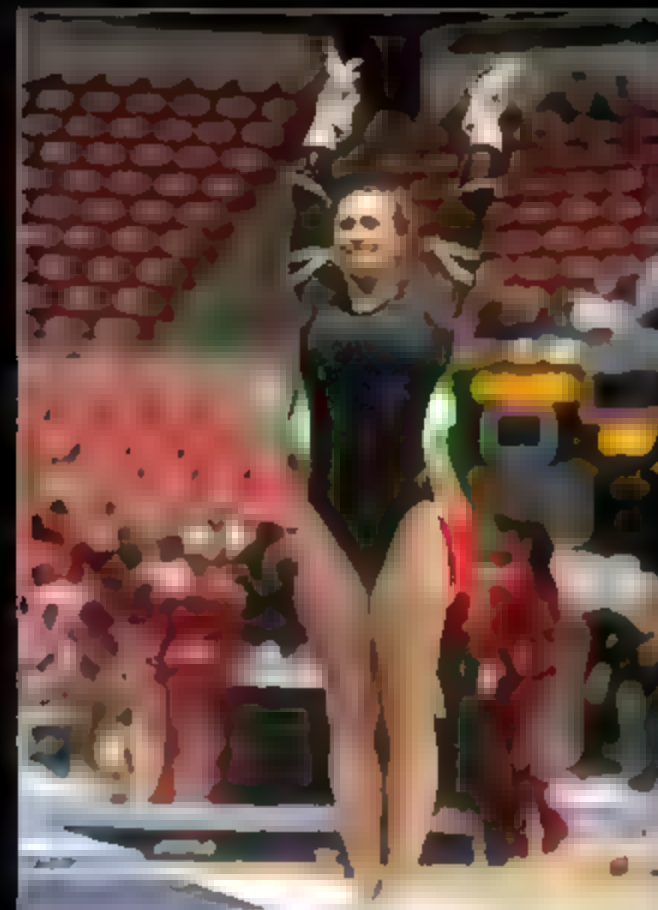
**Favorite Musical Artist:** Celine.

**I Want To Visit:** Spain.

**My Goals For The Season Are:** Big Ten Champ.

**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:** Time Management.

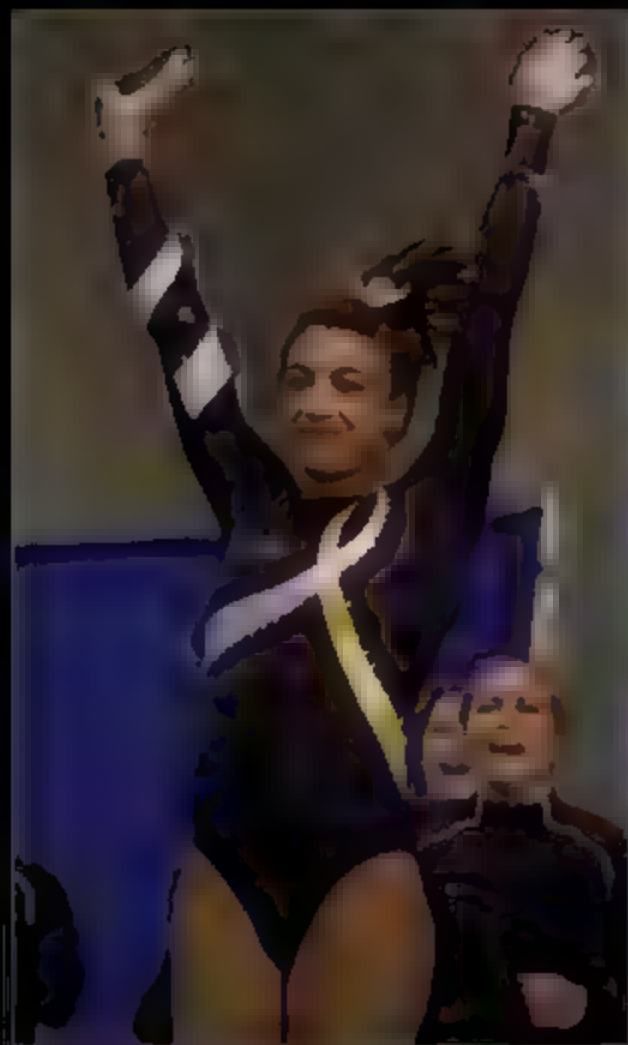
**Before Every Meet I:** Get pumped up by listening to music and stretching.



**STEVENSON'S BEST**

Vault.....9.825	vs. Wisconsin-Stout (2/13/11)
Bars.....9.850	3x, last at Southern Utah (3/12/11)
Floor.....9.750	2x, last vs. Iowa State (2/25/11)





WICKUS BEST

Vault.....9.925 vs. Southern Utah (3/12/11)

## MAYA WICKUS

VAULT

JUNIOR

PORT WASHINGTON, WI

**2011...** Made Hawkeye debut on vault at Minnesota and competed on vault for remaining 12 meets... won or at least tied for first on vault in three different meets... won the individual title on vault at Southern Utah, setting a career mark of 9.925... tied team season high mark of 9.925 on vault along with senior Houry Gebeshian.

**High School...** Trained at LaFleur's Gymnastics in Wisconsin... Four-time state vault champion... four-time regional qualifier... Qualified for J.O. Nationals sophomore and senior year... Also competed in track and diving.

**Personal...** Born 9/25/91... parents are Dawn Marie Herboldt and Wade Wickus... pre-business major.

## GETTING TO KNOW MAYA

**My First Gymnastics Memory:** When myself fourteen won State!

**I Know I First Loved Gymnastics When:** I was first able to compete. I loved being able to perform something I was good at. Ever since, I've always been in love with the competitive life.

**Nickname me:** Maya Popay

**My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment Was:** The first time I competently fell on vault. I was so proud I had finally accomplished my goal.

**My Most prized Possession:** My puppies.

**I Want To Visit:** India

**My Favorite Movie Is:** Breakfast at Tiffany's

**Favorite TV Shows:** Friends

**If I Could Guest Star On Any Television Show It Would Be:** The

**The Television Or Movie Character That Best Describes Me Is:** Holly Golightly

**Favorite Restaurant:**

**Favorite Musical Artist:** Shania Twain

**The One Thing I Could Not Live Without Is:** My phone

**When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be:** Marine Biologist, to work with manatees.

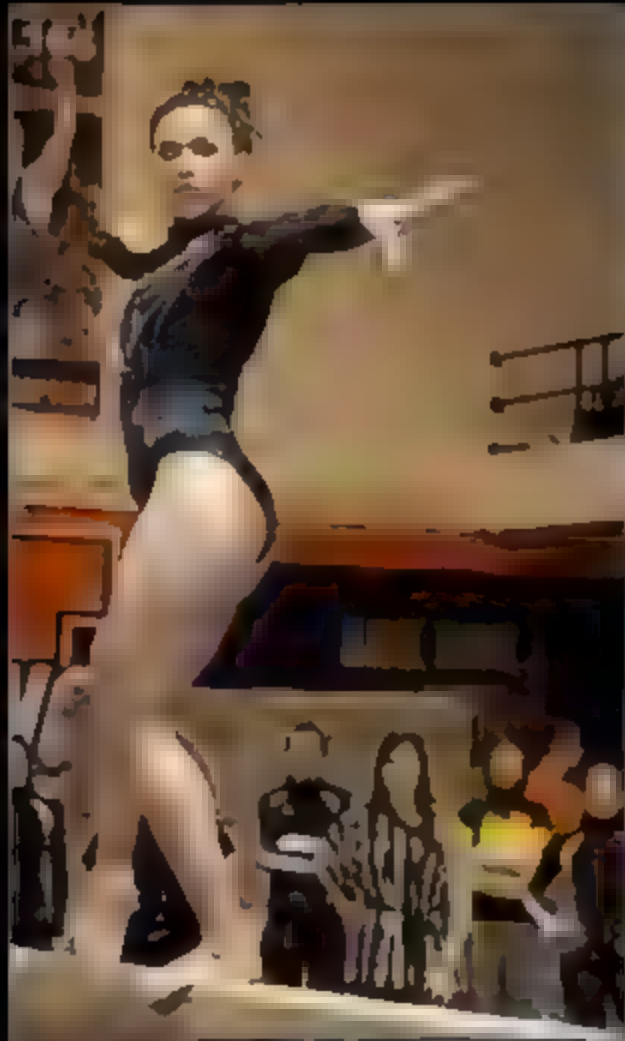
**My Favorite Type Of Music Is:** Country

**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:** That academics come first.

**My Goals For This Season Are:** To compete on vault every meet and help my team succeed to be the best that we can be.







## COX'S BEST

Bars.....9.850 vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)  
 Beam.....9.825 vs. Northern Illinois (3/5/11)  
 Floor.....9.750 vs. Denver (2/11/11)

**TESLA COX**  
 ALL-AROUND  
 GERHOMRE  
 MAULDIN, SC

**2011...** Competed in 12 events for the Hawkeyes, making collegiate debut on beam at Michigan State... posted career mark of 9.850, tying for second against Northern Illinois... set personal best of 9.825 on beam against Northern Illinois, tying for second individually... finished ninth on floor against Denver with a career best of 9.750.

**High School...** 2007 state champion on beam, floor and all-around... 2008 state champion on bars, vault and all-around... 2010 state champion on bars and all-around... eight-time regional qm lifer... awarded 2009 Outstanding Gymnast of the Year Award - Club Gymnastics... awarded the 2010 Louise Pack South Carolina Senior Award... coached by Horatio Sana and Shawn Smolan... speech and debate team freshman and sophomore years... held student council position as spirit leader freshman year.

**Personal...** Born 9/30/91... parents are Bennett and Cassie Cox... communication major.

## GETTING TO KNOW TESLA

**My First Gymnastics Memory:** Climbing to the top of the rope really fast and then looking down and not wanting to climb down. My coach had to come up the rope and get me.

**I Knew I First Loved Gymnastics When:** When I did my first girlsworld in my bubble beams class when I was 3 years old.

**Nickname:** Bell (short for Southern Bell)

**My Most Memorable Gymnastics Moment Was:** When I performed my floor routine at the 2008 Iowa of Gymnastics Separately with the 2008 Olympians.

**My Most Priced Possession:** Flowers of my memory.

**I Want To Visit:** Greece.

**My Favorite Movie Is:** House of Wax.

**Favorite TV Show:** 2 Broke Girls.

**If I Could Guest Star On Any Television Show It Would Be:** Survivor.

**The Television or Movie Character That Best Describes Me Is:** Melania Cavallaro, standing firm. *My Hero Academia*.

**Favorite Restaurant:** Jollibee.

**Favorite Musical Artists:** Sheryl Crow.

**When I Was Little I Wanted To Grow Up To Be:** A gymnast.

**My Favorite Type Of Music Is:** Pop.

**Being At Iowa Has Taught Me:**

How to be more responsible.







**SARAH WOLFORD**  
BARS, BEAM  
FRESHMAN  
TAMPA, FLA.

**High School...** Competed as a Level 10 (2006-2011)... eight-time regional qualifier and two-time A.O. Eastern National Qualifier... Region VII vault champion (2005, 2007)... won three state titles on bars (2007, 2009, 2010)... won three Region VII bar silver medals (2006, 2009, 2011)... 2007 Region VII all-around runner-up (All-Star team member)... 2005 state and Region VII beam champion... 2005 state floor champion and Region VII runner-up... 2005 state and regional all-around champion... numerous TIF Team Awards (2004-2011)... voted Most Athletic as a senior at Brandon High School... trained at Tampa Bay Turners... coached by Brad Harris and Amy Schulthess.

**Personal...** Parents are Boce and Terry Wolford... pre-business major.

### GETTING TO KNOW SARAH

**My very first gymnastics memory was when I was** almost four and I met Dominique Moceanu.

**I knew I loved gymnastics when I started to love** the gym 20/2.

**My most memorable gymnastics moment was, in** and 5 yrs doing a front tuck on vault. I was so excited that I ran and missed the board and belly flopped onto the table.

**Before every meet is when I say "Go!"**

**The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips** is being with my teammates and the great memories we (team)...

**My favorite gymnastics road trip was driving to** regional training camps with my coaches. There was never a dull moment. We never stop having a great time.

**My goals for this season are to compete to the best of my** ability, contribute to the team and stay healthy.

**The one thing that has impressed me most** about the University of Iowa is how friendly everyone was.

**The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is I've** only taken 2 classes so far but I would have to say Introduction to Sociology Principles.

**My favorite restaurant in the Iowa City/** Carabelle area is: The Brown Bottle.

**My favorite type of music is: Rap/Hip Hop**

**The best concert I've ever attended was: It** was called Jingle Ball. It had a mixture of songs like Madonna, Michael Buble, Maroon 5 and more.

**If I could be on the cover of any magazine it** would be: People and the title would read: Saving Iowa Vikings: Brandon Style.





**EMMA WILLIS**  
**ALL-AROUND**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**SARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

**High School...** Represented Canada at the 2010 World Championships and 2010 Commonwealth Games... competed at 2010 Canadian Championships Senior, finishing 11th in the all-around and eighth on floor... finished eighth in the all-around at 2009 Elite Canada Senior... competed at 2009 Canadian Championships Senior, finished eighth in the all-around and seventh on floor... competed at 2007 Elite Canada Senior, finishing sixth in the all-around, fourth on bars, fourth on beam and eighth on floor... 2007 Pan American Games competitor... competed at 2007 Canadian Championships Senior, finishing first on floor and 10th in the all-around... competed at the 2007 International Gymnastics Senior, finishing ninth in the all-around, sixth on beam and third on floor... trained at Bluewater Gymnastics Club in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada... coached by Dave and Liz Brubaker... club teammate of Freshman Emily Riggs

**Personal...** Parents are Dave and Shirley Willis... english and journalism major

**GETTING TO KNOW EMMA**

**My very first gymnastics memory was when:** I would tell the coach I wanted to do a different event than the one the coach was taking us to.

**I knew I first loved gymnastics when:** I saw my sister doing it and needed to do it too.

**My most memorable gymnastics moment was:** Competing at world championships.

**Before every meet it is like:** time to laugh a lot.

**The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is:** spending time with the team, usually playing cards and watching extended 2-hour hangouts.

**My favorite gymnastics road trip was:** with my club to Montreal.

**My goal for this season does not depend on the level of my ability, contribute to the team, and build my confidence to the maximum level.**

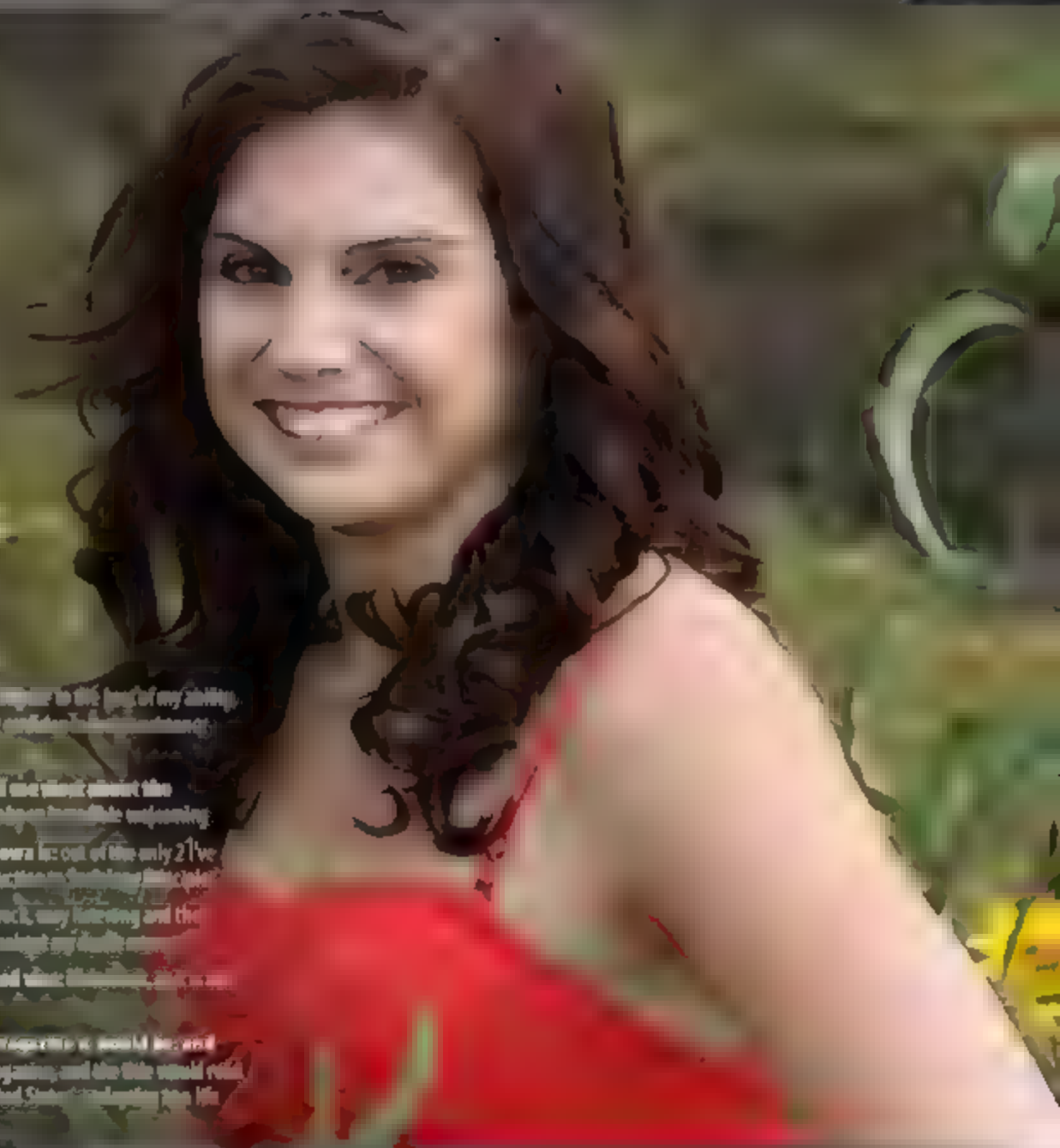
**The one thing that has impressed me most about the diversity of Iowa is:** everyone has been immediate welcoming.

**The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is:** out of the only 2 I've taken the best one has been introduction to studying this class.

**My favorite type of music is:** soft rock, very interesting and the occasional song that means a lot to me.

**The best concert I've ever attended was:** the concert that was only one I've gone to.

**If I could be in the cover of any magazine it would be:** and the title would read: *Minuteman's magazine*; and the title would read: *"How to survive university in the United States and enjoy the life without it."*







**MIRANDA MEYER**  
VAULT BEAM FLOOR  
FRESHMAN  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA

**High School...** Finished third on beam at 2010 Elite Canada... competed at 2009 Canadian National Championships Series, winning on beam and placing second on vault and floor... 2009 Canadian National Team member... competed for Canada in Slovenia (2009 and 2010)... 2008 Canadian (National Open) vault and beam champion... three-year high school letter... trained at Champions Gymnastics in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada... coached by Mided Arseneault and Valerie Oudin.

**Parents...** Parents are Peter Meyer and Judi Lang-Meyer... environmental sciences major.

#### GETTING TO KNOW MIRANDA

My very first gymnastics memory was when I won my very first All Canada Medal when I was in P2.

I knew I loved gymnastics when I watched the Olympics on TV and saw I wanted to do that.

My most memorable gymnastics moment was winning the Beam Title at Nationals 2010.

Before every meet I take input and think about what I have to do to hit my routine.

The thing I like most about gymnastics was trips to traveling fun with everyone and seeing new places.

My favorite gymnastics road trip was: A trip to Red Deer for products. We missed about 50 cars in the ditch from the accident.

My guide for this season was to be healthy and compete and to be a good person.

The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is: How much everyone gets involved in all

the different sports teams.

My favorite restaurant in the Iowa City/Corvallis area is: The Three Somers.

My favorite type of music is: Pop.

The best concert I've ever attended was: Lady Gaga.

If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: and the title would read: International Gymnast; FIRST WOMENS GYMNASTICS-BURNAP; GOLD MEDALIST FOR CANADA.

The title of my autobiography would be: Life Through My Eyes.

10. One item of clothing that I cannot live without is: My dress and my leggings.





## JESSICA MORREALE

### ALL-AROUND

### REDHAWK

### DEKALB, ILL.

**High School:** Five-time I.O. National Qualifier... 2011 High School National all-around, uneven bar champion... finished fourth on bars at 2010 I.O. National Beam Champion... represented Region V in Slovenia and Venice Italy in 2010... finished second on bars at 2006 Eastern Nationals... trained at Eurogym... coached by Andy Morreale (father), Sam Morreale (uncle), Miss Tongue and Gene Mangione.

**Personal:** Parents are Andy and Kim Morreale... upon major.

### GETTING TO KNOW JESSICA

**My very first gymnastics memory was when:** My coach Sam offered \$5 to the first person to make their hip. He set the money on the mat in front of us and made making a new skill a lot of fun!

**I knew I first loved gymnastics when:** I fell in love with showing off the talent I had.

**My most memorable gymnastics moment was:** Nationals my senior year. Both club nationals and high school nationals were so bittersweet because I got to move on to the best part of my life (being collegiate gymnastics) but I also had to leave my dad behind as my coach. It was our last meet together!

**Before every meet I:** make sure to pack my good luck pigs! The thing I like most about gymnastics road trips is: Having fun with my second family. Road trips leave time for serious bonding!

**My favorite gymnastics road trip was:** to Michigan. Me and my two teammates sat in the back of the fifteen seated van (all the seats were taken out) and we spread out our blankets. Barely felt like we were in a car!

**My goals for this season are:** to make my team proud to have me and hopefully win a big ten title! I want to contribute to the team score as much as I can.

**The one thing that has impressed me:** University of Iowa has how friendly it is.

**The best class I've ever taken at Iowa is:** I'm not sure yet I am really looking forward to Creative Writing though!

**My favorite type of music is:** everything. My favorite band is Red Hot Chili Peppers.

**If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be:** Italian Vogue and the title would read: "Italian Gymnast Perfect 10 in Fashion!"

**The title of my autobiography would be:** "Life as I Knew It... No less, it's less."

**One item out of the room that I refuse to part with is:** My words!

**The one thing I could not live life without is:** my family, Florida, especially my mother who happily makes me go to person, and my sister who understands me better than I do.

**My most treasured possession is:** a bracelet that was my roommates and I always wear it!







**EMILY BIGRAS**  
ALL-AROUND  
FRESHMAN  
GARNIA, ONTARIO, CANADA

**High School...** 2011 Canadian National Championships (National Open) first-team selection, finishing eighth in the all-around, fourth on bars, seventh on beam and eighth on floor... competed at 2010 Canadian National Championships (National Open), finishing 10th in the all-around, sixth on bars, seventh on beam... competed at 2009 Canadian National Championships Sr. High Performance, finishing third on floor and fourth on bars... won championship in the all-around, bars and beam and finished second on vault at the 2009 Ontario Championships... finished third in the all-around at the 2008 Austrian National Championships... finished eighth in the all-around at 2008 Canadian National Championships Jr. High Performance... trained at Bluewater Gymnastics Club in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada... coached by Dave and Liz Brodeur... club teammate of Freshman Emma Willis.

**Personal...** Parents are Rick and Nicole Bigras... human physiology major.

**GETTING TO KNOW EMILY**

**My very first gymnastics memory was when I competed in my first competition at my old gym.**

**Now I love every gymnastics-related thing I see and do. I just fell in love with the sport.**

**My most memorable gymnastics moment was when I won Silver Medal at Nationals 2009.**

**My very best friend is my coach, Liz.**

**The thing I'd most about gymnastics is that it's a sport that's fun and challenging.**

**I love the feeling of being able to perform and the support of my teammates.**

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**My favorite type of music is Pop.**

**The best concert I've ever attended was One with Walter.**

**If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be: and the title would read: International Gymnast, Iowa NCAA Champ.**

**The title of my autobiography would be: My words, my life.**

**One item of clothing that I refuse to part with is leggings as pants.**

**The one thing I could not live life without is: family.**

**My most prized possession is: my mac.**





**High School...**... finished 7th on bars at 2009 3B Nationals... placed 3rd in the all-around 2010 Region V... finished 1st on bars and second on floor and all-around at 2009 Region V... 2007 Eastern Nationals Floor champion and second in the all-around... 2006 Eastern Nationals Bars champion... trained at Rising Stars Academy... coached by Russ Berndt and Bridget Conley

**Parents...** Parents are Scott Hoerr and Brenda Berndt... open major

### GET TO KNOW SYDNEY

**My very first gymnastics memory was when:** My brother showed me to do a backflip off the trampoline into the pit. I did but when I landed I hurt my head and I had a black eye for a week.

**I know I lost several gymnastics when:** I swam on the team for the first time. I thought they were the coolest thing, it's all I wanted to do.

**My most memorable gymnastics moment was:** Sybil's parents told me I was going to University of Iowa on a full scholarship to be a gymnast.

**My favorite thing to do is:** pray and ask God to be with me and protect me.

**Something I love that most gymnasts don't like:** I love that we can't talk, talk, and really get to know each other.

**My favorite gymnastics road trip was:** The bus rides to Ripon with all of the girls. The long ride gave us plenty of time to talk and really get to know each other.

**My goals for this season are:** Helping the team win the Big Ten Championship.

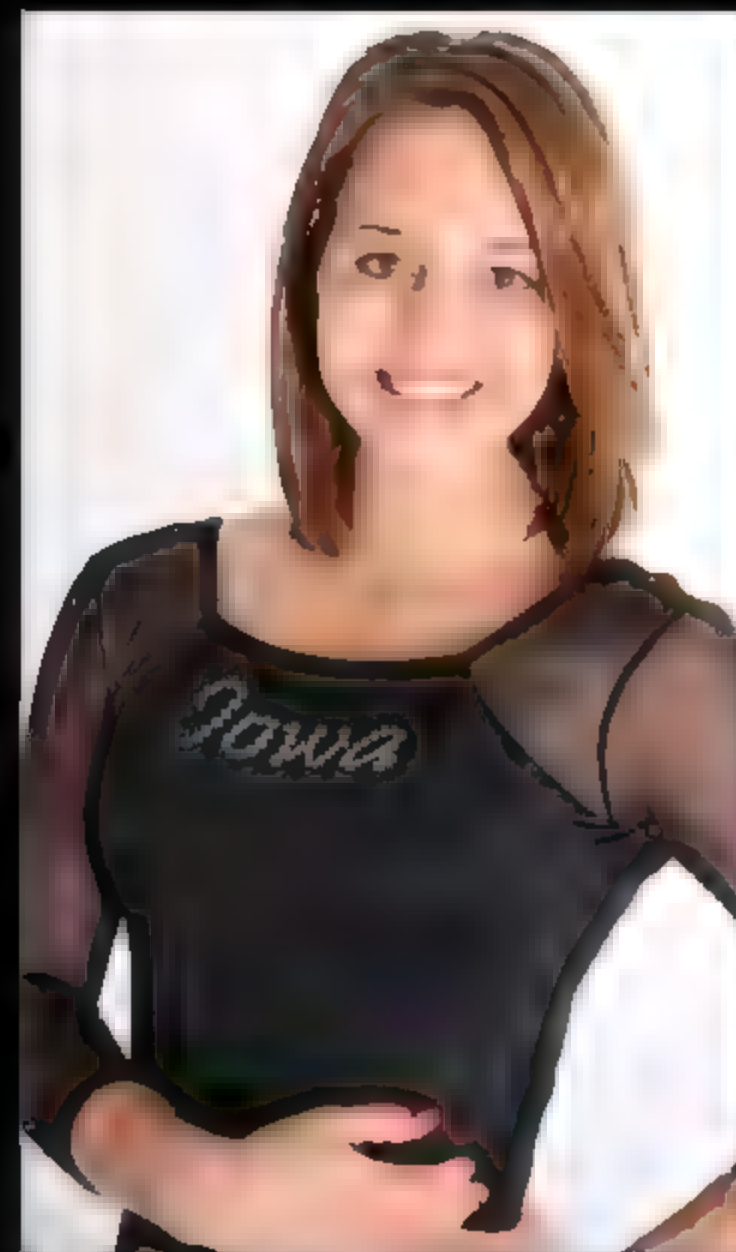
**The one thing that has impressed me most about the University of Iowa is:** The people. Not just my amazing coaches and teammates, it's everyone. The people here are so humble and will go out of their way to make you feel welcome and at home.

**My favorite type of music is:** Country

**The last concert I've ever attended was:** Pascal Flatts

**If I could be on the cover of any magazine it would be:** Cosmo girl and the title would read: Goddess

**The title of my autobiography would be:** Life and Success of Sydney Hoerr





I chose Iowa because I love the coaches and the atmosphere of the gym. The girls are great and I felt a connection with the team right away. I loved the campus because of the buildings and the character that the University has. I liked the size of the school and loved the feel of a University.

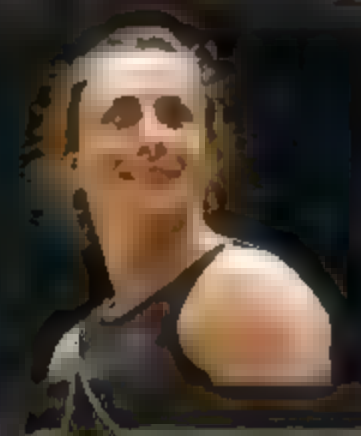
KAITLYNN IRANO - Junior

I chose to come to Iowa for many reasons. First, I really hit it off with the coaches and when I came to visit, I realized how amazing the team was. Everyone works so well together and I could tell there was a great connection between the girls and the coaches that made for a supportive and fun atmosphere. I also liked the fact that the team was able to work hard but have fun and be goofy at the same time. The University of Iowa also is a distinguished school with a great journalism program that was the perfect size for me.

ANNE SZATKOWSKI - Senior

I chose Iowa because I loved all the aspects of it. First, the academic programs here are great. I want to go into chemical engineering and I really like the engineering department here. I wanted to compete in college and Iowa was the perfect fit. I love the girls on the team, the coaches, and the amazing atmosphere in the gym.

JORDAN ESZLINGER - Senior



I chose Iowa for many reasons. I love the coaches and the atmosphere in the gym and I felt like I fit in really well. Also, Iowa is perfect for my major and the campus is beautiful. I could tell Iowa is a tight-knit community and everyone is really friendly. I love it!

JEMMA STEVENSON - Junior

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to visit several schools on official visits before visiting the University of Iowa. When I visited Iowa, I knew from the very first day I wanted to attend Iowa. I loved the coaches and the university, but for me the deciding factor was the team. It felt like I was already a part of the team. It was as if I had known the girls forever and my host that weekend was so welcoming to me and treated me like I was one of her good friends. I was lucky enough to be visiting during the visitation of the Iowa State Meet and saw how hard the team practiced and how much fun they had competing against their in-state rivals. I was absolutely sure without any doubts Iowa was where God wanted me to be.


TESLA COX - Sophomore


I chose Iowa because I loved the coaches, the team atmosphere, and the academic opportunities Iowa had to offer. I was always a Hawkeye fan growing up, but after taking my official visit, I had no doubts this was the place I wanted to be.

JESSA HANSEN - Senior

The team poses with Dr. Ponseti's wife at the Ponseti races. The event raises money so children with clubfoot can walk, run and go to school.

The women's gymnastics team takes great pride in being able to give back to the Iowa City community and participate in various community service projects. In conjunction with several activities, the team selects one project to be involved with. Last season, the GymHawks put their efforts into several projects, with the proceeds going to clubfoot research. The team also built a haunted house for local youth. The GymHawks are always looking for an opportunity to help others.

 Ponseti Races

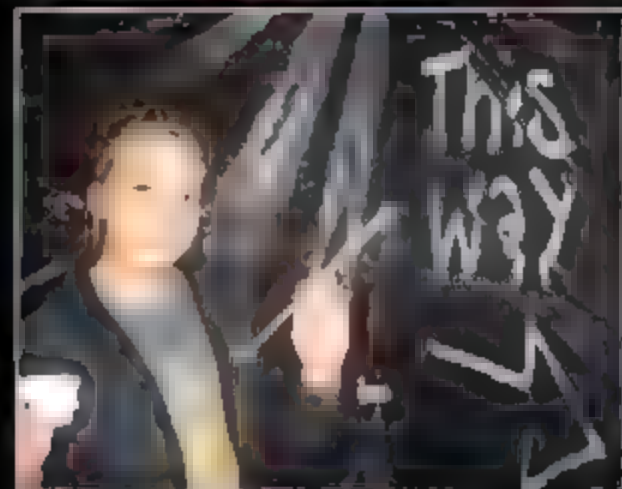
 Halloween Haunted House

 "Achieve Your Dreams"

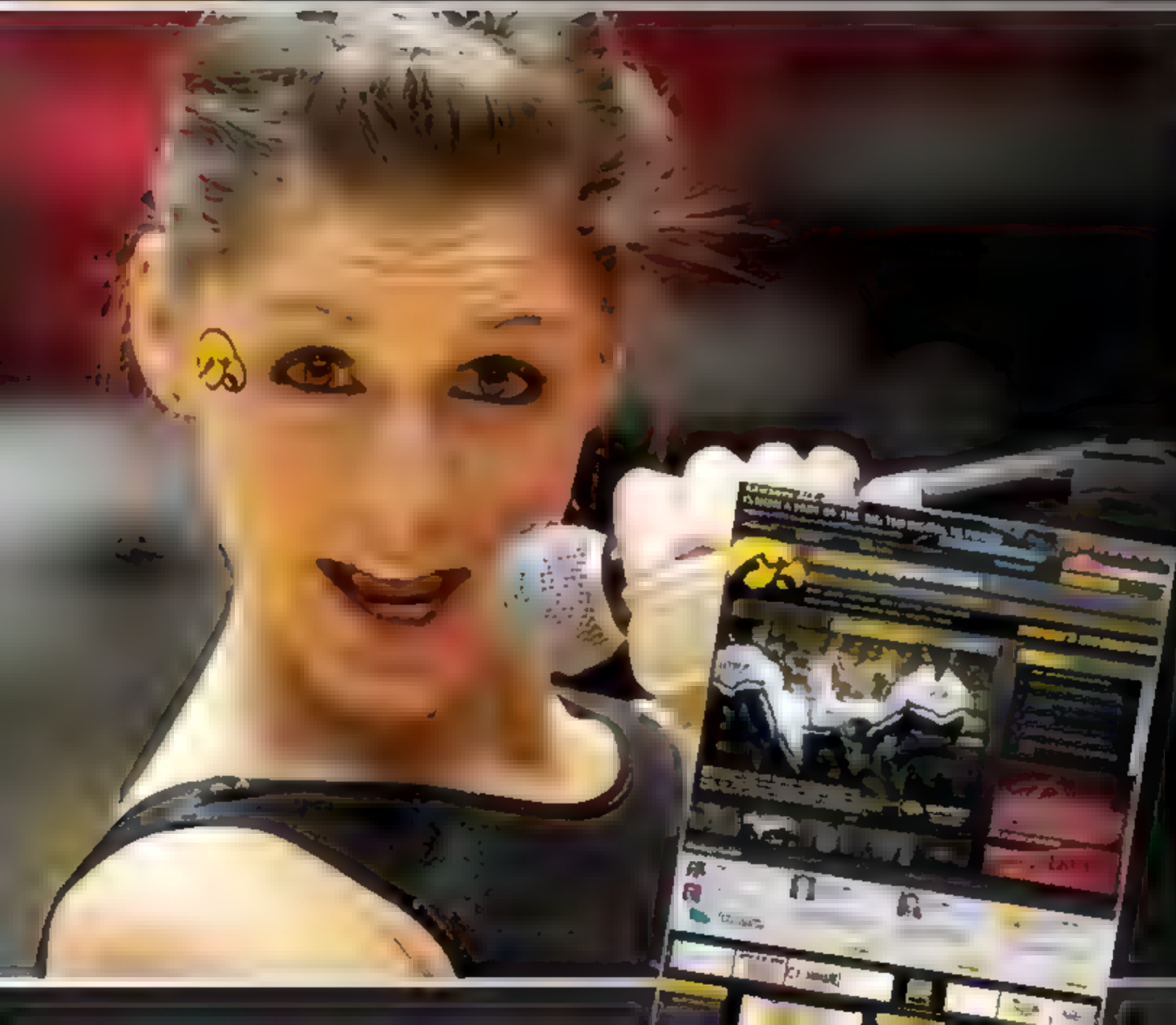
 Bicycle/Moped Helmet Awareness

 Light the Night

 Elementary School Volunteers







Iowa City is media saturated environment. And with so many professional teams in the area, the Hawkeyes garner extensive coverage from newspapers, television and the Internet.

#### **BLOG**

A member of the Iowa gymnastics staff offers interactive content live from every event throughout the season via the Official Iowa Gymnastics Blog. This feature gives diehard Hawkeye fans the opportunity to voice their opinion by submitting questions and comments, while receiving up-to-the-minute play-by-play, notes and stats about the meet and Hawkeyes. The live blog begins approximately 15 minutes before each competition and runs throughout the meet.

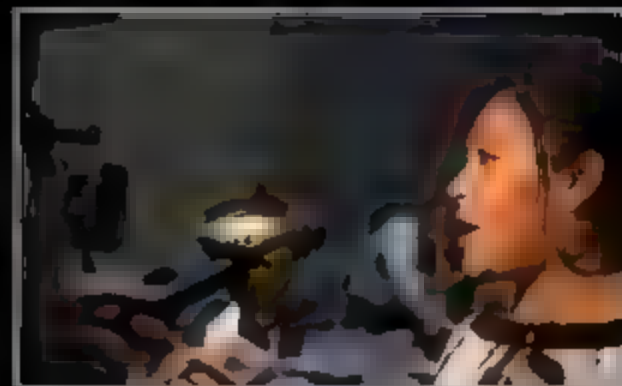
#### **TELEVISION**

With the launch of the Big Ten Network, the Big Ten is the only conference in the country that has its own national network devoted to Big Ten athletes programming. In addition to the Big Ten Network, the Hawkeyes have had meets on CSTV and Mediacom the past couple seasons.

#### **HAWKEYESPORTS.COM**

Media and fans can also obtain a wealth of up-to-date information about the Hawkeyes on the official web site of the University of Iowa — [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com). Live stats (gymetracker), bar scores, play-by-play, photo galleries, coach and bio information, video, podcasts and more can be found on the web site. The gymnastics team also has its own fanbook site.

Furthermore, [hawkeyesports.com](http://hawkeyesports.com) has a fresh look after the site was re-designed and re-launched in October 2010. The new and improved site has enhanced graphics, is easier to navigate, and has more content and video/audio for the diehard Hawkeye fan.



#### **NEWSPAPER COVERAGE**

Fans can also read about Hawkeye action in several newspapers/web sites throughout the state of Iowa. A few of the papers that cover the Hawkeyes on a regular basis include: The Des Moines Register, the Iowa City Press-Examiner, the Cedar Rapids Gazette, the Quad City Times, The Daily Iowan, the Voice of The Hawkeyes, the Burlington Hawkeye, the Waterloo Courier, and the Moline Dispatch.



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**NETWORK**



The Gymnastics appeared on the Big Ten Network three times last season. Big Ten gymnastics can be seen worldwide in high-definition (HD) on the Big Ten Network and on [BigTenNetwork.com](http://BigTenNetwork.com).

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network allows fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Network currently has agreements with more than 250 affiliates, including AT&T U-Verse, Charter, Comcast, Cox (Cleveland), DirecTV, DISH Network, Insight, Mediacom, Time Warner Cable and Verizon FiOS. Available to approximately 70 million households nationwide, the Big Ten Network is the first nationally distributed network dedicated to covering one of the premier collegiate conferences in the country. With approximately 350 live events, and nearly all of them in high definition, the network is the ultimate destination for Big Ten fans and alumni across the country, allowing them to see their favorite teams, regardless of where they live.

Providing sports 24 hours a day, Big Ten Network is showcasing a wide array of historic and current sports and televising more Olympic sporting events and women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network.







### NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

#### ALL-AMERICAN SELECTIONS

Stephanie Grant	2000
Alana Maday	2002-04
Rebecca Simbhudas	2007

#### ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Kim Baker	1996
Katie Burke	2005-06
Michelle Gault	1994
Michelle Gault	2004
Heather Foster	2003-10
Kelly Gault	2010
Alana Maday	2003-10
Michelle Gault	2006
Stephanie Grant	2002-04
Jessie Hansen	2010
Andrea Harbo	2000-10
Wilany Kwan	2004
Danielle Legaci	2004
Brandi Laffer	2000
Britany Logan	2000
Rachel Nash	2000-10
Kara Pajev	2006
Annie Roe	2003-05
Michelle Gault	2003-04
Sandy Sengel	1994
Michelle Gault	2010
Michelle Gault	2005-10
Michelle Gault	2003-04
Michelle Gault	2005-06

#### REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

John Galt	2000
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#### REGIONAL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Michelle Gault	2011
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#### REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Michelle Gault	2011
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### BIG TEN AWARD WINNERS

#### MEDAL OF HONOR

Kim Baker	1996
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#### COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Lorenson (Ind)	2000
Mike Lorenson (Ind)	2004
Krista L. Johnson	2006

#### GYMNAST OF THE YEAR

Lori Cole	1991
Alana Maday	2003

#### FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Kim Baker	1993
Rebecca Simbhudas	1998
Alana Maday	2001

#### ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

Jenna Alexandrov	2001
Kim Baker	1994-96
Katie Burke	2007
Gianna Bonderi	1998-2000
Michelle Gault	1993-01
Corynn Cooper	2002
Michelle Gault	2004-2011
Michelle Gault	2005-06
Michelle Gault	2003-04
Jessie Hansen	2010-11
Michelle Gault	1998
Michelle Gault	2005
Alana Maday	2000-04
Kim McPherson	1995
Kara Pajev	2007
Annie Roe	2003
Jennifer Simbhudas	2007-09
Rebecca Simbhudas	2010-11
Sandy Sengel	1991
Katie Turcott	2007
Krista L. Johnson	2004
Krista L. Johnson	1998

### ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN TEAM

Jenna Alexandrov	2002
Kim Baker	1994-96
Michelle Gault	2001-02
Michelle Gault	1995
Michelle Gault	1993, 1995
Katie Burke	1997-98
Katie Burke	2005-09
Michelle Gault	1990-92
Michelle Gault	1992, 1994
Tiffany Chapman	1997
Michelle Gault	2003
Michelle Gault	2010-11
Michelle Gault	2007-08
Michelle Gault	2005-07
Jenna Baker	2000-10
Jennifer DuBois	1997-99
Jordan Giesinger	2010-11
Michelle Gault	2001-02
Michelle Gault	2010
Kelly Gault	2010
Michelle Gault	2010-11
Joni Gault	2000-06
Michelle Gault	2002-04
Jessie Hansen	2010-11
Cara Hatch	1995-98
Jessie Hansen	2005-06
Michelle Gault	2000-10
Michelle Gault	2010-11
Michelle Gault	2000-02
Michelle Gault	2002-04
Tiffany Kwan	2004
Jessie Kwan	2002
Michelle Gault	1990-2000
Grace Lee	1995-98
Danielle Legaci	2005-07
Michelle Gault	2000-05
Britany Logan	2000-09
Michelle Gault	2000
Michelle Gault	2000
Michelle Gault	2000

### AWARDS AND

Michelle Gault	2000
Rachel Nash	2010
Kara Pajev	2007-09
Tiffany Kwan	1995
Michelle Gault	1997-99
Annie Roe	2002-05
Michelle Gault	2004
Jessie Kwan	2010-11
Rebecca Simbhudas	1992-99
Sandy Sengel	1992-94
Michelle Gault	2011
Michelle Gault	2010-11
Michelle Gault	1993
Michelle Gault	1994
Michelle Gault	2011
Lori Whinn	1997-99
Michelle Gault	2002-04
Michelle Gault	2007-08
Michelle Gault	2005-08

### ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Jessie Kwan	1992
Kim Baker	1996
Grace Lee	1998

### LOU BRUNNER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Named for former Hawkeye cyclist and athlete Lou Brunner, this award is presented to the student-athlete possessing the humanitarian qualities that include kindness, compassion, empathy, warmth and a commitment to helping others.

Stephanie Smith	1997
Michelle Gault	1998
Michelle Gault	1995
Michelle Gault	2000

### VAULT

1. Ann Baker	9.9 (2x)	1996
Stephanie Goss	10.0 (3x)	2001-03
2. Alexis Medley	9.975 (2x)	2004
Stephanie Goss	9.975	2004
3. Stephanie Goss	9.950 (4x)	2001-04
Alexis Medley	9.950 (4x)	2002-04
Kerby Williams	9.860 (2x)	2004
4. Kim Baker	9.825	1996
Alexis Medley	9.825	2001
Stephanie Goss	9.825 (3x)	2004
Kerby Williams	9.825	2004
Jessie Harris	9.825	2011
	9.826	2011

### UNEVEN BARS

1. Alexis Medley	9.975 (3x)	2004
2. Giselle Beniloff	9.950 (3x)	1990, 2000
Annie Rae	9.950	2003
Alexis Medley	9.950 (8x)	2002-04
3. Giselle Beniloff	9.925 (4x)	1990-01
Alexis Medley	9.925 (5x)	2001-04
Annie Rae	9.925	2002
4. Giselle Beniloff	9.900 (7x)	1990-01
Alexis Medley	9.900 (8x)	2001-04
Brandy Kilian	9.900	2001
Maki Wong	9.900 (2x)	2003-04
Annie Rae	9.900	2003
Brandi Laffer	9.900	2000
Rebecca Simbhadre	9.900	2011

### ROBERT F. RAY FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE AWARD

Named for former Dean and UI Faculty Representative to the Big Ten Conference Robert F. Ray, this award is presented to the senior student-athlete who has demonstrated outstanding academic excellence, athletic excellence and leadership. Prior to 1992, a lifetime achievement award was presented in any other year.

Kim Baker 1996

### BALANCE BEAM

1. Jenna Alexandrov	9.975 (2x)	2001-02
2. Alexis Medley	9.950	2004
Henry Sebastian	9.950	2010
3. Jenna Alexandrov	9.925 (3x)	2001-03
Kaley Kolo	9.925	2002
Stephanie Goss	9.925	2004
Rebecca Simbhadre	9.925	2009
4. Rebyn Gamble	9.900	1987
Jenna Alexandrov	9.900 (3x)	2001-03
Stephanie Goss	9.900 (4x)	2001-04
Alexis Medley	9.900 (5x)	2003-04
Annie Rae	9.900	2003
Danielle Logan	9.900	2004
Henry Sebastian	9.900 (2x)	2000
Rebecca Simbhadre	9.900 (4x)	2011

### FLYING HORSESHOES

1. Alexis Medley	9.975 (2x)	2004, 04
Stephanie Goss	9.975	2004
2. Kim Baker	9.950	1996
Alexis Medley	9.950 (6x)	2001-04
Stephanie Goss	9.950 (5x)	2003-04
Liz Grajewski	9.950	2004
Janifer Simbhadre	9.950	2000
Jenna Hanson	9.950	2011
3. Alexis Medley	9.925 (8x)	2001-04
Stephanie Goss	9.925 (8x)	2001-04
Kerby Williams	9.925	2004
Janifer Simbhadre	9.925 (6x)	2005
Jenna Hanson	9.925	2011

### SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Each spring of the AG-Sports Banquet the member of the senior class sporting the highest grade point average among all student-athletes is named the Scholar Athlete of the Year. Graduating seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better are also recognized as members of the AG-Academic Team.

Jaime Lynne Heasley 1992  
Kim Baker 1996

### ALL-AROUND

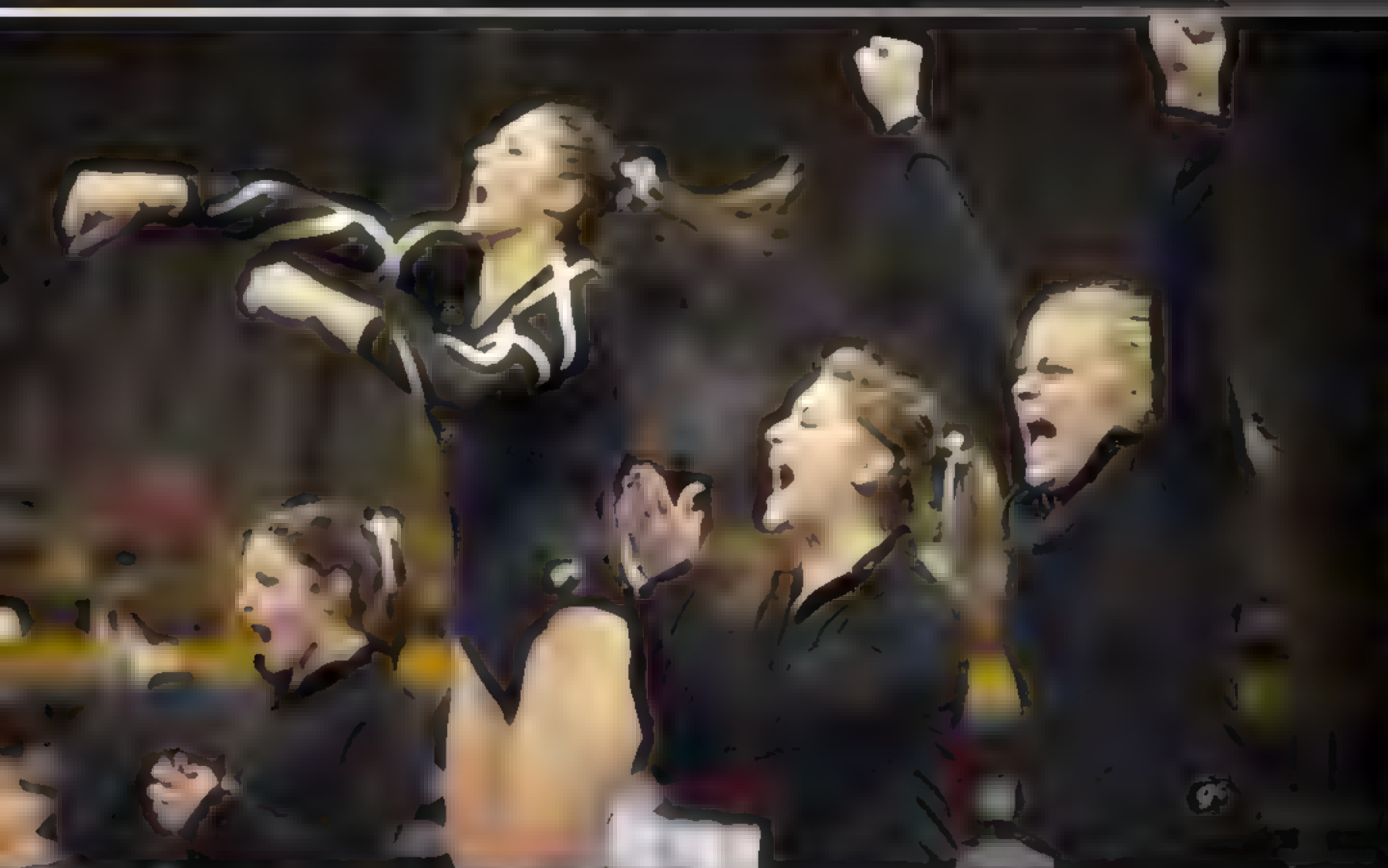
1. Alexis Medley	39.750	2004
2. Alexis Medley	39.575	2004
3. Alexis Medley	39.550 (5x)	2001-04
Stephanie Goss	39.550	2004
4. Alexis Medley	39.525	2002
5. Alexis Medley	39.500	2001
Stephanie Goss	39.500	2004
6. Stephanie Goss	39.575	2004
7. Alexis Medley	39.550 (2x)	2003-04
Stephanie Goss	39.550	2004
8. Kim Baker	39.525	1996
Giselle Beniloff	39.525	1990
Stephanie Goss	39.525 (2x)	2001, 04
Alexis Medley	39.525	2003
Janifer Simbhadre	39.525	2000
Rebecca Simbhadre	39.525	2011
9. Alexis Medley	39.500	2001
Annie Rae	39.500	2002
Stephanie Goss	39.500	2003

### DR. PATRICIA HICKS AWARD

Named for long-time women's team physician Pat Hicks, who died of cancer in November 1992. The recipient is a student-athlete who has succeeded in overcoming adversity and has shown perseverance and great strength of character.

Misti Blackledge 1994





#### Vault

1.	49.525	at Utah	2004
2.	49.450	at Maryland	2004
3.	49.400	at Illinois	2003
4.	49.375	vs. NC State	2004
5.	49.350	at Washington	2004

#### Uneven Bars

1.	49.425	vs. Illinois State	2001
2.	49.350	vs. Iowa State	2003
	49.350	at Minnesota	2003
4.	49.300	at Maryland	2004
	49.300	vs. NC State	2004
	49.300	vs. Iowa State	2001

#### Balance Beam

1.	49.425	at Illinois State	2004
2.	49.350	at Southern Utah	2003
	49.350	at Illinois	2001
4.	49.300	vs. Michigan State	2003
5.	49.275	vs. Minnesota	2004

#### Floor Exercise

1.	49.550	vs. Iowa State	2004
2.	49.475	at Maryland	2004
	49.475	vs. Michigan	2004
4.	49.450	vs. Minnesota	2004
	49.450	at Washington	2004

#### Team

1.	197.150	at Maryland	2004
2.	196.900	at Washington	2004
3.	196.850	at Big Ten Champ's	2003
4.	196.800	at Illinois	2003
5.	196.775	vs. NC State	2004



## GARY BARTA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Gary Barta is in his sixth year as director of athletics at the University of Iowa – and his 25th year in athletics administration – riding a wave of momentum. Cause for that energy is the fact the Hawkeyes enjoyed record-setting performances in the classroom and on the playing field, the completion of the second-largest construction project in the history of intercollegiate athletics at the UI, and the breaking of ground on a new indoor practice facility for the Hawkeye football program.

With respect to the UI's academic momentum, Barta notes that graduation rates for student-athletes made public this fall to be among the highest in the country. These numbers are also expected to compare favorably with the UI's Big Ten, national and national peers in the high profile sports of football, and men's and women's basketball.

Adding, the NCAA declared that all 26 of Iowa's teams earned the Academic Progress Rate (APR) benchmark for the third straight year and honored a school-record four UI teams – men's basketball, softball, men's tennis and women's tennis – that ranked in the top 10 percent of their sport, based on their most recent multi-year APR.

Consequently, the UI set another record with 570 points scored in the 2011 Las Vegas Bowl game. That success was driven in part by another successful season for the UI football team, which won a record third straight bowl game, 27-24, over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl; a fifth year finish at the NCAA championships by Iowa's wrestling program; a fourth straight appearance in the NCAA postseason by the women's basketball program; strong performances by the UI's men's and women's track and field teams; and a school-owned 10th place finish by the UI men's golf team.

The highlight of the UI's wrestling line conference competition was the first league title in women's wrestling in 41 years. Amy Wiczorek's squad climbed to the top of the podium by dominating the final day of competition on the UI's Creighton Trunk. An All-American distance runner is a student-athlete at the UI, Wiczorek was named the Big Ten Trunk and Field Coach of the Year in recognition of his team's performance and for qualifying no fewer than 33 male and female student-athletes for postseason competition.

In addition to the competitive success the Hawkeyes recorded in 2010-11, the UI also experienced tremendous success at the box office. Iowa entered the 2010 home football season with all seven home games sold out. The UI will do the same in 2011 and boasts waiting lists for not only season tickets to the home games of Kirk Ferentz's squad, but also the premium seating options available inside the Paul W. Brechler Press Box at Kinnick Stadium.

Attendance at home games of first-year men's basketball coach Fran McCaffery soared 23 percent – the fifth-highest increase by percentage in the country and the largest by a team that did not advance to postseason play. Attendance at women's basketball games increased by almost 60 percent. Iowa ended the year ranked 13th – the program's highest finish in more than a decade.

As always, success at the gate provides Barta the financial resources to meet the mandate of Iowa's institutional leadership: Operate the intercollegiate athletics program with integrity, with a commitment to academic excellence, and without any support from the dollar, i.e. be "self-sustaining."

Inherent in Barta's charge is to provide the more than 450 student-athletes who compete in the 24 intercollegiate athletics programs at the UI the best opportunity for success, including training and competition facilities that compare favorably or exceed those offered by comparable institutions. The 2010-11 season marked the first for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams in the UI's \$69 million Campus Recreation and Wellness Center.

In late summer 2011, the UI completed a \$47 million revitalization of Carver-Hawkeye Arena. That project includes the construction of a practice facility for men's and women's basketball and volleyball, a 10,000-square-foot strength training and cardiovascular center, and an expansion to the Don Gable Wrestling Complex, in addition to new locker room and support facilities for men's and women's basketball, wrestling and volleyball programs, and office space for the majority of Iowa administrative and coaching staffs.

The Carver project includes the installation of a statue of Gable at the facility's main entrance. That project will be completed in time for thousands of fans of the sport of wrestling to enjoy when the UI stages the 2012 USA Wrestling Olympic Team Trials in April 2012 – an event that represents not only the UI's commitment to its nationally-respected wrestling program, but Barta's desire to strike partnerships when success would be mutually beneficial.



The UI Department of Athletics will break ground on Phase I of a two-phase project for the UI football program in late summer 2011. Phase I includes the construction of a new indoor practice facility; Phase II includes construction of all football operations areas including locker rooms, team meeting rooms, athletic medical training space, video operations, and coaches offices and meeting rooms. Funded entirely through private support, the project is an important next phase of the master facilities plan for Hawkeye football. It will be constructed adjacent to the Ben and Margaret Kenyon Outdoor Practice Facility and immediately west of Kinnick Stadium.

Barta has also received permission from the State of Iowa Board of Regents to construct a new practice facility for the men's and women's golf programs. The facility will be located on the southern edge of the UI's award-winning Fribbie Golf Course and will begin construction as soon as the funding required is secured from friends and fans of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the UI's golf programs.

Barta's involvement in the UI campus community extends beyond intercollegiate athletics. He is a member of the President's Cabinet comprised of vice presidents and other campus leaders that provide counsel to UI President Sally Mason. That group was instrumental in the UI's response to record-setting flooding that besieged the campus and the Iowa City and Grinnell community in June 2008.

Barta also represents the UI and the Hawkeyes at the conference and national level. During his first five years at the UI, he has participated in the creation and implementation of the Big Ten Network, the expansion of the Big Ten Conference and realignment of athletics conferences nationally, and the Big Ten's postseason bowl game agreements that were successfully implemented in 2010.

Nationally, Barta remains active in the Division IA Athletics Directors Association, the National Association of College Directors of Athletics, and currently serves on the NCAA Football Committee Board of Directors.

Barta often suggests to his staff that "Hope is not a strategy," which is why he is currently overseeing a comprehensive review of the strategic plan for the UI Athletics Department and has worked with the UI's leadership on a long-term financial plan.

Another favorite saying of his is, "Vision without resources is delusion." Over the course of his career he has been directly involved in raising hundreds of millions of dollars in support of intercollegiate athletics. This has remained a primary focus during his tenure at Iowa, where private support for the Hawkeyes continues to flourish despite a challenging economy.

In recent years, the department has received a long list of commitments to assist in capital projects and scholarship support, including gifts of \$5 million each from long-time friends of the UI — Dale and Marilyn Howard, Bruce Rostetter and Richard & Jacobson.

Under Barta's leadership — and thanks to a talented athletics development staff — the UI has seen year-over-year improvement in annual giving in spite of the difficult economic environment and has generated more than \$20 million of philanthropic and corporate sponsorship support for the Current Hawkeye Arena project.

As the director of athletics at the University of Wyoming for three years, seven different UW coaches were named Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year. He also spearheaded a fund-raising effort that netted the Cowboy athletics program \$11 million in private support and \$3 million from the state fund.

As the senior associate athletic director at the University of Washington, he directed "Campus for the Student-Athlete," was a participant in the design, construction and/or renovation of several UW athletics facilities, including Bank of America Arena and the Husky Indoor Practice Facility. In addition to almost doubling the amount of annual private support received by UW, Barta also managed the department's external relations division, a unit that included competitive recruiting and media contacts.

His responsibilities at Washington expanded over time to include hiring of assistant coaches, staff and coordinating the schedule for the Husky men's basketball program. The roots of his development expertise extend to his first two positions: director of athletic development and intercollegiate relations at the University of Northern Iowa and director of athletics at his alma mater, North Dakota State University.

Barta earned a bachelor of science degree in mass communication and broadcast journalism from SDSU in 1987. He was an action quarterback for Bison football squads that won the National Football Championship in 1983, 1985 and 1986.

Barta, and his wife, Corrie, have a son, Luke (19) and a daughter, Madeline (16). Barta was born in 1963, in Minneapolis.



## IOWA RANKS AMONG BIG TEN LEADERS

The UI Department of Athletics is under the direction of Gary Birt and is regarded as one of the top intercollegiate programs in the nation. Once again, the Hawkeyes enjoyed success both athletically and academically in 2010-11.

Sixty-four Hawkeyes earned all-conference accolades, while 46 were recognized as All-Americans. Hawkeye student-athletes excelled in the classroom as well with 172 earning Academic All-Big Ten laurels. Thirty-four Hawkeyes were honored by the Big Ten Conference with the Distinguished Scholar Award. The graduation rate of Iowa student-athletes has improved in each of the past 10 years and has consistently ranked above the graduation rate of all UI students.

Iowa's men's cross country, men's and women's tennis, and softball teams were recognized by the NCAA for their high academic marks. The four teams earned Public Recognition Awards, based on their most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates.

The UI closed the 2010-11 athletics year with a bang, establishing a school record in total points scored in the annual Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. The Hawkeyes accumulated 510 points in the competition that awards points based on each team's finish in national championship competition in up to 20 total sports (10 women's and 10 men's).

Several new projects have come to completion on the Iowa campus. Some of the latest additions to the UI campus include the completion of the new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, which houses the swimming and diving teams, and the state-of-the-art \$7 million rowing boathouse. In addition to the brand new swimming and rowing facilities, the Ray G. Harbo Athletics Hall of Fame and Visitors Center, the Russell and Ann Gordon Athletic Learning Center and the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center completed construction in recent years. Furthermore, the UI completed a \$47 million Carver-Hawkeye Arena renovation project in the summer of 2010.

Hinrich Stadium received a major upgrade and renovation that was completed just prior to the 2006 season. The \$89 million project included the replacing of the south end zone stands and building of a four-level press box that houses 47 guest suites. New scoreboards, video walls, concession stands and restrooms were also part of the project.

## IOWA WRESTLING

The Hawkeye wrestling team continued its dominance on the mat, finishing third at the NCAA Championships. Iowa has claimed 23 national championships, including three in the last four years, and 34 Big Ten titles. Five Hawkeyes earned All-American accolades en route to the team's third place finish.



## IOWA FOOTBALL

Iowa football continued its stellar play, finishing in the upper division of the Big Ten for the ninth time in the last 10 years. The Hawkeyes capped their season with a thrilling 27-24 come-from-behind victory over Missouri in the Insight Bowl. The win was Iowa's third straight bowl victory, a school record.

## IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team had another outstanding season, finishing third in the league and advancing to the NCAA Tournament. Lisa Bender, who is a three-time Big Ten Coach of the Year and two-time Regional Coach of the Year, coached Kachine Alexander and Jaime Priddy to honorable mention All-America status. Alexander was also tabbed the Premier Player of the Year. Bender has guided Iowa to eight first division finishes in her 11 years and has taken her program to eight NCAA Tournaments, including four straight.

## IOWA MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The men's track and field team finished eighth in the nation at the indoor national championships and won the outdoor Big Ten title in 2011. Coach Larry Wicowski was named Big Ten Coach of the Year, while numerous Hawkeyes earned all-league and All-America honors.

## IOWA MEN'S GOLF

Head coach Mark Hartline continued to have his men's golfers play at a high level. The Hawkeyes advanced to the NCAA Championships for the second time in three years and tied for 10th nationally — a school-record finish. Vince Indle was named the Big Ten Player of the Year and earned the prestigious Ian Botard Trophy, which goes to the male golfer with the lowest stroke average in the Big Ten.

## IOWA MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team had its first season under head coach Fran McCaffery. Hawkeye fans flocked to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to watch the Black and Gold. Attendance increased 20 percent, which ranked fifth-best in the country.





## DID YOU KNOW...

48 percent of UI students are from out of state

Eight Iowa graduate programs rank first or second in the nation according to *America's Best Graduate Schools*, produced by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, the Iowa Writer's Workshop is ranked number one in the nation by *Poets & Writers*.

With over 30,000 students in a city of roughly 75,000, UI offers a different atmosphere than many other universities in the Big Ten or the Midwest.

The unemployment rate in Iowa City (4.7%) ranks among the nation's lowest. Iowa City was named by *Forbes Magazine* (2008).

Building on a tradition of excellence and innovation, the University of Iowa is educating more than 30,000 students annually, preparing them for careers immediately following graduation, as well as continued education throughout their lives.

The University of Iowa offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including seven professional degree programs, through its 11 colleges: the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health, and the Graduate College. The University also provides on-campus and distance learning opportunities through its division of Continuing Education.

With a reputation as one of the nation's leading centers for the arts, astronomy, space physics, hydraulics, basic health and science, and communication studies, the University of Iowa is also developing new strengths in informatics, nanoscience, simulation, and the environment.

The University has maintained its position as an innovator in research, with a focus on work in speech pathology, science and medicine. The University is nationally known for being home of one of the nation's largest university-owned hospitals.

### Diversity at the University of Iowa

The University of Iowa has worked hard to ensure that students of all races, creeds, and backgrounds are represented in the student body. In the past five years, Iowa has moved aggressively towards its goal of creating communities of African American, Hispanic/Latino (a), Asian American, and Native American students, and making the University a stimulating, welcoming place.

The Office for Diversity and Inclusion is a coordinated university-wide resource for creating and maintaining this campus diversity.

and providing opportunities for all University students interested in other cultures. Scholarships, fellowships, and support programs help to make this possible. International Programs brings together scholars from around the world and UI students looking to expand their perspectives by studying abroad or exploring global issues on campus. International students at the University of Iowa represent more than 100 countries.

### How the University of Iowa Measures Up

"One of the most dynamic schools in the country" and the only Big Ten school listed as a "best buy" — *Five Guide to the Colleges*, 2011

29th best public national university — *U.S. News & World Report*, 2011

"Professors make themselves available and possess a genuine interest in students' experiences," — *Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, 2010

24 graduate programs are ranked among the top 20 of their kind at U.S. public institutions, with five continuing to rank in first place — *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Graduate Schools*, 2012

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics ranked as one of "America's Best Hospitals" — *U.S. News & World Report*, 2010

A "green-campus trailblazer" and one of the first institutions of higher education to join the Chicago Climate Exchange — *Pewchar Review Guide to 206 Green Colleges*, 2010

One of the top five college towns in America among cities under 250,000 — *American Institute for Economic Research, College Destination Index*, 2010



# CONSIDER THE COMMUNITY

Some universities offer the large city atmosphere. Others offer the college town experience. The University of Iowa is uniquely situated to offer student athletes the very best of both of these different worlds.

Once the state capital, Iowa City is considered one of the truly great college towns in America. The city swells with excitement on game day when nearly 16,000 Hawkeye fans from across the state and Midwest converge on Carver-Hawkeye Arena to cheer the Hawkeyes to another victory.

Iowa City's downtown area is a live and thriving. Restaurants, shops and sidewalk cafes face onto pedestrian malls full of people watchers, street entertainers and food vendors.

Attractive in size and friendliness, Iowa City is big in the sense that it offers all the advantages and conveniences of much larger metropolitan areas like summer and permanent employment opportunities, live entertainment and concerts, fine dining and shopping, industry and commerce.

Iowa City is located in the heart of eastern Iowa, within easy driving distance of several major Midwestern cities including the state capital, Des Moines, as well as Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Milwaukee.



*"Iowa City is unlike any other place in the state, both because of its regional beauty and because of its independent, strong-willed spirit."*

*"There's nothing like feeling the crisp air as one tours the big Ten campus, just as there's no other feeling like walking the shores along Lake MacBride, north of town. This is an ideal location for a weekend trip filled with sights, sounds, shopping and plenty of activities on any given weekend."*

*"If there is a star in Iowa, Iowa City is it."*

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER

*"Iowa City is one of the great college campuses in the country. I love coming to Iowa City!"*

MARK JENNE  
BROADCASTER

**IT'S GREAT TO  
BE A HAWKEYE!**



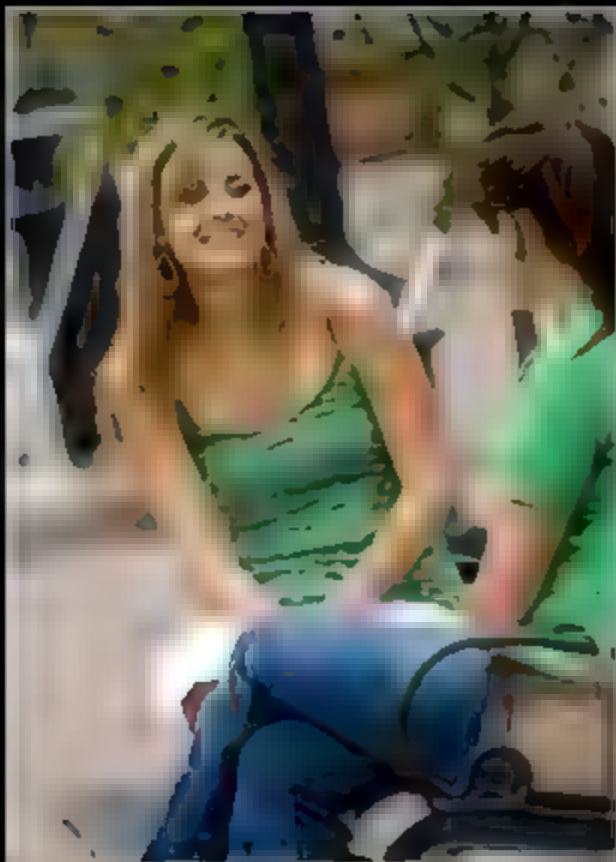
EDITOR | MIDWEST MAGAZINE | AUGUST, 2007



## MSK CancerBuddies, January 2010

• Iowa has over 1400 miles of trails for hiking and biking within its state parks and recreational areas

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### A CAMPUS ON THE MOVE

The University of Iowa campus caters to pedestrians and bicyclists; it's compact enough to cross in a 20-minute walk. A free ride on a campus bus can cut that time in half. Entertainment on campus and in Iowa City is geared toward student budgets, with many events offered at no charge. The University of Iowa offers more than 400 student organizations, extensive recreation facilities, 50 fraternities and sororities, and a broad schedule of arts performances, lectures, cultural celebrations and club sports and intramural athletic contests to go along with the intercollegiate competition within the Big Ten Conference.

### STUDENT-ORIENTED NIGHT LIFE

Iowa's campus is set right in the city's downtown area, where you'll find dance clubs, movies, coffee houses, and restaurants to suit every taste. Live music can be found any night of the week in clubs and restaurants, even outside on warm evenings on the downtown pedestrian mall. Iowa City businesses are convenient and geared toward student tastes and needs.







#### CONSIDER THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

A quality education is one of the highest priorities at the University of Iowa. Just over 90 percent of Johnson County residents have graduated from high school, and in Iowa City nearly half of all residents have earned bachelor's degrees. In fact, census statistics indicate Johnson County is the 10th "smartest" county in the nation based on percentage of residents holding bachelor's degrees.

The University of Iowa represents a strong presence in the community while enhancing the quality of life in Iowa City.

Your aspiration may be a career in medicine, law or education. Regardless of the specific career field, it's important to identify the college baseball program that places a high priority on academics and allows you to take full advantage of the tremendous educational opportunities available.

At the University of Iowa, student-athletes learn quickly that academic success is the highest priority.

#### ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

At The University of Iowa, a strong relationship has been developed between athletics and academics, where coaches and athletes work hand-in-hand with academic deans and professors, allowing the student-athlete the best possible opportunity to excel in the classroom and in athletics.

From the first visit for any prospective student-athlete, to the completion of their academic and athletic career at Iowa, academic personnel play a large role in the career of Hawkeye student-athletes. Beginning with the on-campus visits, student-athletes are introduced to professors in their selected field of study, and are able to establish a relationship and develop an understanding of the academic setting in which they will be involved.







### THE RUSSELL AND ANN GERDIN ATHLETIC LEARNING CENTER

The University of Iowa Russell and Ann Gerdin Athletic Learning Center opened in the fall of 2003. The Learning Center is a multi-level, 20,000-square foot facility, which provides one all-purpose area for the academic pursuits for Iowa's male and female student-athletes. The facility is centrally located on the UI campus for easy access by all student-athletes and staff.

The Learning Center features an auditorium, two classrooms, study lounges for freshmen and upper-class student-athletes, a computer lab, a teaching lab, the athletic library, office space for Iowa's Academic Student Services staff and a display area to recognize the academic accomplishments of Iowa's student-athletes.





When a student athlete considers his future, he should consider prospects beyond football. He should consider where he wants to be five, ten, fifteen years from today, and the best course of action for getting there. Also, he should decide early on to commit to excellence, integrity, challenge and dedication.

Without a doubt, the men and women listed here took time to consider their future and the ways to get there. These former University of Iowa undergraduates have gone on to become leaders in their chosen fields. They also pursued their academic studies as strongly as the Iowa Hawkeyes go after a loose ball on the field.

## BUSINESS

**Leonard C. Adams**  
Former president, American Production Co.

**B.J. Armbrong**, Iowa Lettermen, 1986-89  
Vice-President of Basketball, Wausau Media Group  
NBA All-Star, 1994  
Three-time NBA Champion, Chicago Bulls

**John J. Baller**  
Former president, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

**Matthew Buckbaum**  
Former CEO & Founder  
General Growth Properties

**Arthur A. Collins**  
Founder, Collins Radio (Rockwell Collins)

**Kathleen A. Dohe**  
President, CanWest Media Works, Toronto, Canada  
Former Executive vice president and general manager, Bravo Television Network & the Independent Film Channel

**John W. English**  
Former vice president and chief investment officer, Ford Foundation

**Nathan Gentry**  
Iowa Lettermen, '56, '58, '60  
Attorney, Beck, Gentry, Bowers, Swartz, Stolze, Scheeling and Leis  
Des Moines, IA

**Leonard Halley**  
Former chairman and CEO, Maytag Corporation

**H. John Harkins**  
Former president and director of funds, Kemper Financial Services Inc.

**Richard O. Jacobson**  
President, Jacobson Warehouse Co.

**Bill Krause**  
President, Krause Gentle Corp.

**Richard Levitt**  
Chairman & CEO, Nellis Corporation

**Frank N. Magid**  
President, Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc.,  
Pioneer in market research and media consultation

**John Pappajohn**  
Venture capitalist, entrepreneur,  
President, Equity Dynamics, Inc.

**Gary Searns**  
Chairman and CEO, Westell Technologies, Aurora, Ill.

**Luther Smith**  
Aerospace Engineer, pilot  
Member, Tuskegee Armen, 1942  
World War II Purple Heart and  
Prisoner of War Medal

**Henry B. Tipple**  
Director, Rollins, Inc.  
Chairman of the Board, Dover Motorsports & Dover Downs Entertainment

## EDUCATION

**Joseph N. Crowley**  
President, University of Nevada at Reno and former NCAA president

**R. Wayne Duke**  
Former commissioner, Big Ten Conference

**E.F. Lindquist**  
Co-founder, American College Testing (ACT) Program

**John B. McLendon**  
First African-American coach inducted into The Basketball Hall of Fame

**Eddie Robinson**  
Legendary football coach, Grambling State University

**Wilbur Schramm**  
International authority on communications and founder, Iowa Writers' Workshop

**Richard Schultz**  
Executive Director, United States Olympic Committee  
Former Executive Director, NCAA

**James Van Allen**  
World famous space physicist who discovered two radiation belts (the Van Allen Belts) that orbit the earth

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Diablo Cody**  
Best Original Screenplay Oscar Award for Juno

**Michelle M. Corder**  
Recognized worldwide as a leading soprano  
Has performed in all of Europe's major opera houses

**Simon Estes**  
International opera star

**John Falbey**  
Executive producer of television's "Northern Exposure" & "The Fly Away"

**Jim Foster**  
Iowa Lettermen  
Founder and innovator, Arena Football

**Al Jarnesi**  
Grammy Award-winning singer

**Mark Johnson**  
Film producer and Oscar Award winner for Rainman

**Alex Kassar**  
Former NFL All-Pro, Detroit Lions,  
actor, Victor, Victoria, Blazing Saddles, "Weekend"

**Barry Kemp**  
Television producer, creator of the hit series "Coach"

**Shirley Rich Kuehn**  
Costing director for Kramer vs. Kramer, Three Days of the Condor, Taps, Saturday Night Fever

**Ashdon Kutcher**  
Television and film actor

**Richard Marbut**  
Writer of James Bond motion picture scripts

**Nicholas Meyer**  
Fiction writer and director whose film credits include Time After Time, The Seven Per-Cent Solution and Star Trek II, IV and VI

**David Milch**  
Creator, Hill Street Blues, NYPD Blue and other television series  
Three-time Emmy Award recipient  
Founding, Firestorm Productions

**Marian Rees**  
Producer of television films  
Owner, Marian Rees and Associates

**Brandon Routh**  
Actor, Superman

**Dane Wilder**  
Actor, Silver Streak, Young Frankenstein, Stripes

## GOVERNMENT

**David Bonior**  
U.S. House of Representatives, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

**Terry Branstad**  
Governor, State of Iowa

**General Charles A. Horner**  
Architect of the U.S. air war against Iraq during the Persian Gulf War Desert Storm

**Alan Larson**  
Assistant to Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs

**Ruth Van Roeschel McGregor**  
Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, 2005 recipient, American Judicature Society's Dwight D. Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence

**Trudy Huskamp Peterson**  
Arctic Archivist of the United States, 1993-95

**Mary Louise Smith**  
Noted political party leader and civil rights proponent

**Juanita Todd Skut**  
First African-American woman elected to a state Supreme Court

## LITERATURE

**Mervyn Bell**  
Iowa Poet Laureate  
UI Writers Workshop faculty member and mentor from 1965 until retirement in 2005

**William Wirt Benson**  
Author of 23 Nancy Drew mysteries and first woman to receive master's degree in journalism at Iowa

**T.C. Boyle**  
Author of 11 Novels & eight short story collections  
Winner of numerous literary awards, including five O. Henry Awards

**Max Allan Collins**  
Writer of the comic strip Dark Tower, 1977-82  
American mystery writer, including the graphic novel Road to Perdition

**Paul Engle**  
Poet  
Founder of the University of Iowa's International Writing Program  
Director of the Iowa Writer's Workshop (1941-63)

**John Irving**  
Writer, The World According to Garp, A Son of the Circus, Hotel New Hampshire, A Prayer for Owen Meany

**W.P. Kinsella**  
Writer, Shoeless Joe

**Margaret Walker**  
Writer, Jubilee

## MEDIA

**Alan Abelson**  
Editor, Barron's

**Tom Brokaw**  
Former anchorman, NBC News

**Paul Burmeister**  
Iowa Lettermen, 1982-88  
Sports anchorman, NBC News  
The NFL Network

**John Cochran**  
Correspondent, ABC News

**Paul Conrad**  
Political cartoonist and three-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize

**Wayne Dreife**  
General assignment writer, ESPN.com

**Brett Dobson**  
Broadcaster, Houston Astros

**George Gallup**  
Founder, The Gallup Poll

**Charles Guggenheim**  
Documentary filmmaker, Peabody and Oscar award winner

**Milo Hamilton**  
50 years in Broadcasting  
Voice of the Houston Astros

**Harry Kabin**  
Broadcaster, Philadelphia Phillies

**Bob Miller**  
Broadcaster, Los Angeles Kings

**Herbert Nipson**  
Executive Editor, Ebony

**Brian Ross**  
Correspondent, NBC News, Peabody and Emmy award winner

**Mark Shapiro**  
Former Vice-President, ESPN

**Candice Simpson**  
Anchor, ABC News

## MEDICINE

**Dr. Nancy Andressen**  
Psychiatrist renowned for her research on schizophrenia, as well as creativity

**James Braxton**  
Executive Director, American Dental Association

**Dr. John L. Eberhart**  
Pioneer in field of open heart surgery

**Dr. Robert C. Hardin**  
Developed blood bank protocols during WWI based on seminal work on blood preservation

**Dr. Don H. O'Donoghue**  
Sports medicine pioneer

**Dr. Emory D. Warner**  
World recognized pathologist

## FIRST ADVANCED DEGREES IN THE UNITED STATES

African-Americans who received advanced degrees from the University of Iowa, who were also the first in the United States to receive that particular degree:

**Alexander Clark Jr.**  
1879, law degree

**Elizabeth Galtlett**  
1940, master's in art

**Lulu Johnson**  
1941, Ph.D. in history

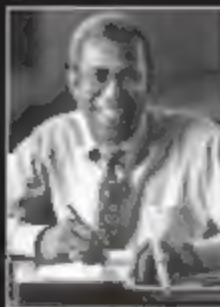
**Oscar Anderson Fuller**  
1942, Ph.D. in music

**Lila Ann Abram**  
1972, Ph.D. in chemical engineering

**Lisa Portis**  
1989, Ph.D. in pharmacology



**SANDRA KIBB STOUT**  
First African-American woman elected to a state Supreme Court



**WILLIAM WIRT BENSON**  
Poet



**JOHN FALBEY**  
Executive producer



**TOM BROKAW**  
Former anchorman, NBC News



**PAUL CONRAD**  
Political cartoonist, Pulitzer Prize



**JOHN PAPPAJOHN**  
Former Executive Vice President, EY



**EDDIE ROBINSON**  
Former Football Coach, Grambling State University





## THE HAWKEYE NICKNAME

The University of Iowa borrowed its athletic nickname from the state of Iowa many years ago. The name Hawkeye was originally the name of the hero in the fictional novel, *The Last of the Mohicans*, written by James Fenimore Cooper. Cooper had the Delaware Indians bestow the name on a white scout who lived with them.

In 1838, 12 years after the book was published, people in the territory of Iowa acquired the nickname, chiefly through the efforts of Judge David Rorer of Burlington and James Edwards of Fort Madison.

Edwards, editor of the Fort Madison Patriot, moved his paper to Burlington in 1843 and renamed it the Burlington Hawkeye. The two men continued their campaign to popularize the name, and territorial officials eventually gave it their formal approval. Herky The Hawkeye

The Hawkeye nickname gained a tangible symbol in 1948 when a cartoon character, later to be named Herky the Hawkeye was hatched. The creator was Richard Spencer III, instructor of journalism at Iowa.

The Impish Hawk was an immediate hit and acquired a name through a statewide contest staged by the athletic department. John Franklin, a Belle Plaine alumnus, was the man who suggested Herky.

Since his birth more than 45 years ago, Herky has symbolized Iowa athletics and epitomized University life. He even donned a military uniform during the Korean War and became the insignia of the 124th Fighter Squadron.

During the mid-1950s, Herky came to life at a football game as the Iowa mascot. Since that time, Herky has been a familiar figure at Iowa athletics events.



**HOTELS/MOTELS**

Alexis Park Inn and Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-8665	Holiday Inn Express, 970 25th Ave., Coralville	625-5000
Amana Colonies Holiday Inn, I-80, Exit 225, Amana	688-1175	Holiday Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-5049
Americinn, 2597 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2400	Hotel Vetro Studio Suites, 201 S. Linn St., Iowa City, IA	337-4561
Baymont Inn & Suites, 200 8th Street, Coralville	337-9797	Iowa House Hotel, Madison & Jefferson St., Iowa City	335-3513
Best Western Canterbury Inn, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400	Mariott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 East 8th Street, Coralville	688-4000
Big Ten Inn, 707 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6131	Motor 6, 810 1st Avenue, Coralville	354-0030
Comfort Inn and Suites, 2431 James Street, Coralville	336-3400	Quality Inn and Suites, 2525 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	354-2000
Comfort Inn, 209 9th St., Coralville	351-8144	Riverside Golf Resort, 3184 Hwy. 22, Riverside, IA	648-1234
Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, 2571 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8464	Sheraton Iowa City Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	337-4058
Days Inn, Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-4400	Suburban Extended Stay Hotel, 2481 Holiday Road, Coralville	625-2200
Fairfield Inn, 214 9th Street, Coralville	337-8382	Super 8 Motel, 611 1st Ave., Coralville	337-8388
Hampton Inn, 1200 1st Ave., Coralville	351-6600	Travel Lodge, 2216 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	351-1010
Heartland Inn, 87 2nd Street, Coralville	351-8132		
Holiday Inn Amana Colonies, I-80 Exit 225, Williamsburg	668-1175		

**RESTAURANTS**

Agave Bar & Grill, 2781 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville	665-2524	Eggy's on 965, Hwy 965, North Liberty	665-0800
Applebee's, 200 12th St., Coralville	358-1986	El Dorado, 182 Second Street, Coralville	688-5237
Airliner, 22 S. Clinton, Iowa City	351-9259	El Ranchero, 21 Sturgis Drive, Iowa City	338-4324
Atlas World Grill, 127 Iowa Ave., Iowa City	341-7700	Flannigan's Bar & Grill, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1984
Baldi's Wraps, 18 S. Clinton Street, Iowa City	338-1010	Giovanni's Café, 109 E. College St., Iowa City	338-5567
Bennigan's, Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville	625-2366	Godfather's Pizza, Highway 1 West, Iowa City	354-3312
Blackstone, 502 Westbury Drive, Suite 1, Iowa City	338-1770	Graze, 115 E. College Street, Iowa City	887-5477
Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., Iowa City	337-4703	Gus' Food & Spirits, 2421 Coral Court, Coralville	545-4280
Bob's Your Uncle Pizza Café, 2208 N. Dodge St., Iowa City	331-7400	Hamburg Inn, 214 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-5512
Bread Garden Bakery & Café, 224 S. Clinton, Iowa City	354-4246	House of Lords Restaurant & Pub, 704 1st Ave., Coralville	351-0400
Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 W. Dubuque, Iowa City	338-6373	HuHot Mongolian Grill, 817 25th Ave., Coralville	358-9100
Brown Bottle, 115 E. Washington St., Iowa City	351-6704	Hunan Restaurant, 118 2nd St., Coralville	338-8886
Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, 404 1st Avenue, Coralville	337-2243	Hungry Hobo, 517 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City	337-5270
Buffalo Wild Wings, 201 Clinton Street, Iowa City	887-9464	IHOP, 2435 James Street, Coralville	248-1122
Buffalo Wild Wings, 2500 Corridor Way, Coralville	338-8464	Iowa River Power Company, 501 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1984
Carl and Ernie's Good Time Pub and Grub, 161 Hwy. 1 West, Iowa City	337-4422	Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack, 1940 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City	354-7427
Carlos O'Kelly's, 1411 S. Waterfront Drive, Iowa City	354-5800	Joseph's Steakhouse, 212 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	358-0776
Charlie's Bar and Grill, 450 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1488	Konons, 843 Quarry Road, #140, Coralville	351-2290
Chili's, 2851 2nd St., Coralville	351-1488	Linn Street Café, 121 N. Linn St., Iowa City	337-7370
Colony Inn Restaurant, 741 47th Ave., Amana	622-8270	Micky's Irish Pub, 11 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City	338-8860
Culvers Frozen Custard, 2581 Heartland Place, Coralville	545-8255	Miltoin Family Restaurant, 1069 Hwy. 1, Iowa City	351-9323
David's Place, 100 South Linn Street, Iowa City	351-5600	Mill Restaurant, 120 E. Burlington Street, Iowa City	351-9529
Donnelley's, 101 E. College Street, Iowa City	338-7355	Mondo's Tomato Pie, 516 E. 2nd St., Coralville	337-3000
The Edge, 807 1st Ave., Coralville	337-5680	Monicas, 302 2nd Street, Coralville	338-7400
Edgewater Grille, 300 E. 9th Street, Coralville	887-5018	Okoboji Grill, 1857 Lower Muscatine Rd., Iowa City	248-1155

Old Capitol Brew Works & Public House, 525 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-3422	Short's Burger and Shine, 18 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	337-4678
Old Chicago, 78 Second Street, Coralville	248-1220	Sidelines Bar & Grill, 320 E. Burlington St., Iowa City	354-7157
Olive Garden, 525 25th Ave., Coralville	339-9100	Sonic Drive-In, 604 2nd Street, Coralville	354-4780
Outback Steakhouse, 845 25th Ave., Coralville	354-2755	Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City	358-9902
Ox Yoke Inn, 4420 220 Trail, Amana	1-800-233-3441	Steak and Shake, 2806 Commerce Drive, Coralville	545-5472
Paglia's Pizza, 302 E. Bloomington St., Iowa City	351-5075	Summit Restaurant & Bar, 10 S. Clinton St., Iowa City	354-7482
Panchero's Mexican Grill, 901 25th Ave., Coralville	248-3256	Sushi Popo, 725 Mormon Trek Blvd., Iowa City	338-7676
Panchero's Mexican Grill, 32 S. Clinton, Iowa City	338-8311	Takanami, 218 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City	351-5125
Pit Smokehouse, 130 N. Dubuque, Iowa City	337-6653	Texas Road House, 2520 Corridor Way, Coralville	354-3409
Quinton's Bar & Deli, 215 E. Washington, Iowa City	354-7074	The Three Samurai, 1801 2nd St., Coralville	337-3340
Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington St., Iowa City	351-6088	Third Base, 111 E. College St., Iowa City	339-1516
Red Lobster, 2671 2nd Street, Coralville	338-6400	Venuto's World Bistro, 115 E. College Street, Iowa City	688-0002
Red's Ale House, 515 S. Dubuque St., North Liberty	626-2100	Vesta, 849 Quarry Road, Coralville	338-3782
River City Beefsteak, 1210 1st Ave., Coralville	351-1551	Vine Tavern, 330 E. Prentiss St., Iowa City	354-8767
The Saloon, 112 E. College St., Iowa City	354-3837	Vine Tavern & Eatery, 39 2nd St., Coralville	338-7770
Sam's Pizza, 441 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	337-8200	Vito's Italian American Restaurant, 118 E. College St., Iowa City	338-1393
Sanctuary Restaurant & Pub, 405 S. Gilbert St., Iowa City	351-5692	Wig and Pen Pizza Pub, 1220 Hwy. 6 West, Coralville	354-2767

